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Convention also "adopted a new

lictatorial powers to the exec

Frustrated in Federal Court

by their own constitution, the

reactionary I.S.U. executive com-

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which makes it "mandatory in-

stead of optional" for the ex-

ecutive board to "tie up the

Another major change was

an amendment which gives the

executive board full power to

revoke a charter. Heretofore,

only a convention had such

"RETIRED" SAILORS

One new amendment added i

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he intention of "protecting" the

etired "sailor" and expelled 'un

on's member, Paul Scharrenberg

while aiming at any members wh

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"Any member who has ceased

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or is sailing as a licensed of-

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central bodies; PROVIDED

THAT THE EXECUTIVE

BOARD SHALL HAVE THE

AUTHORITY TO DIRECT

DISTRICT UNIONS TO

MAKE SUCH EXCEPTIONS

AS MAY BE JUST AND

membership and without any at-

tempts to disguise their fascist

(Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

At L.A. Mass Meet

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 .-

Featuring the last appearance of

Dr. F. E. Townsend, founder of

the old-age revolving pension plan.

before he goes to Washington,

D. C., the Townsend movement in

Los Angeles County will hold a

mass meeting at the Olympic Au-

ditorium here next Thursday night

at 7:45 o'clock.

Townsend to Talk

With complete disregard of the

FAIR."

In this connection it reads:

funds of an offending union."

itive committee.

power.

Price Five Cents

## L. A. Red Squad Arrests Eight In 'Bomb' Case

BOSSES USE TERROR IN ATTEMPT TO SMASH WILMINGTON STRIKE

WILMINGTON, Calif., Feb. 15.-After the asserted bombing of homes of two scabs employed at the Vegetable Oil Products Com. pany, the Los Angeles Red Squad made its appearance here today with orders "to use stern measures to suppress violence" and immediately made arrests of the eight nearest workers.

Wants to Halt

1.05 ANGELES, Feb. 15.-

forward here this week by Police

eign legion" against transient

Meanwhile, City Attorney Chese-

bro declared that the city coun-

cil had the power to pass ordi

ce to within the city limits.

nances regulating the use of po-

"It is the opinion on Spring

street that our Los Angeles edi-

tion of Mussolini pulled this stunt

as a smoke screen to divert at-

tention from the council's recent

vice expose," said Councilman

Parley Parker Christensen, mili-

tant Epic, when Chesebro's

opinion was read in the council.

"If he did he pulled a boner. I

an obvious violation of the fun-

damental right of American cit-

zens to pass from one state to

another, even if they may not be

of the 'better class' or possessed

"I'm glad some of these cow

county sheriffs told our strutting

"Now, if he can find his 'lost

Sheriff Sharp of Modoc County

orced Davis-to withdraw his

agrant police officers from this

arrest them for impersonating

officers if they did not get-out.

pressed "grave doubt as to the

patrols" in border counties.

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National Y.W.C.A.

Joins Scottsboro

**Defense Group** 

port of the Scottsboro Defense

Committee, the National Board

chairman of the committee, stated

in brief, ". . . The National Board

tention of all local associations

the significance of the Scottsboro

case in relation to its National

convention action to support ef-

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basic civil rights . . . The Y.W.C.

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battalion,' I want him to bring

Mussolini where to head in, o

rather head out.

them home."

Vice Probe

A hole was assertedly ripped by • a bomb in the roof of the home POLICE PATROL to have been tossed through the

rell, 1210 Covle ave. - Both Wright and Durrell have scabbed on the Soap and Edible City Dad Says Davis Oil Workers' Union since a strike was called in the Vegetable Oil Products Company plant three months ago.

Workers arrested were Mar-James (. Humphrey, 704 West D | "Statistics" plaining a decrease st.; Cale C. Fritts, 918 McFar- in the number of "vagrants" in land ave.; Hermann Menning, Los Angeles and that 48 per cen 1134 Plinn ave., and Fred Sun- of 1470 persons arrested for "evadders, 644 Marine ave., all of Wil- ing railroad fare or begging" had mington; and Elmer Prior, 1314 criminal records, were brought Parade st., Long Beach. All were charged with "sus- Chief James E. Davis in an atpicion of malicious use of dyna- tempt to justify his illegal "for-

The company has been found guilty of violation of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, but has repeatedly appealed the decision of the local labor relations bord trying to stall off the workers and

thus break down their morale. Several of the workers arrest ed were previously picked up b police on charges of throwing : brick through the window of scab driven automobile, even though they were attending union meet ing at the time the incident wa alleged to have occurred. The were subsequently released on thi

By the dispatching of the Red Squad here from Los Angeles, i was seen that the employers now seek to smash the strike by vio -ence if necessary, and to frame the inpre militant workers in the

## AAA REPLACED BY ROOSEVELT FARM MEASURE

NEW DEAL BILL DESIGNED In this opinion, Chesebro ex FURTHER TO ASSIST RICH FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.-The Senate vesterday passed the \$500,-000,000 farm bill to subsidize soil conservation. The measure was backed by the New Deal to replace the AAA which recently was outlawed by the United States Supreme Court.

The bill authorizes an expenditure of \$500,000,000 annually to the acreage of crop land, erosion prevention, changes in farming

practices and other items. It is part of the New Deal's long-term policy favored by the wealthy farmers and to which both Republican and Democratic parties are committed in principle Actually it will cut down cash benefits to small farmers, will limit farm production as under the AAA and will result in more evic-

on March 31; 1935, Secretary of of Negro citizens and the fre- well be labeled "The Red Baiter" and file trade unions propose, it half our farm lands "are operat- them the protection guaranteed the warmest appreciation from harsh the criticism.

ages until we bring about a to the appeal of the Defense Com- company union advocates. erate.

# BRING SUIT

SANTA ROSA MOB LEADERS SUE THEIR TAR AND FEATHER VICTIMS

Tired-Sore-Lame

COMPLAIN BECAUSE REDS WON'T PATRONIZE THEIR STORES

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Feb. 17 -Jack Green and Sol Nitzberg, cictims of the vigilante gang that cidnaped and tarred and feathered them last year, have had damage suits pending for some time

Last week, the accused vigilantes countered by in turn filing a \$2500 suits against their victims charging them with assault and battery. The plaintiffs in this ridiculous but vicious action include Fred Cairns, who led the drunken vigilante mob, and Harold G. Campbell, said to be a resident

TRANSFER SOUGHT Federal Judge Roche recently denied Cairn's motion to dismiss Green's suit and a new motion to transfer the case to the Sacranento Federal Court will come up for hearing shortly.

The vigilantes in their suit charge that their victims "did pull, push, jerk, jostle and strike (Continued on Page 6)

#### RHODE ISLAND MOVES TOWARD A LABOR PARTY

WILL SWING INTO ACTION ON MARCH 8

PROVIDENCE, R. L. (FP)-Little Rhode Island's state labo party will swing into action March

At that time delegates from all over the state will converge or Providence, the capital, to prepare for the battles of the Autumn elections. Approved by the state federation of labor convention last October, the party-based on all trade unions throughout the state affiliated with the American Rederation of Labor-is expected o derive neavy support from many

rowded industrial areas. Fearing that workers throughout the state may be confused by the state federation's call, which contained questions inquiring into action taken by the local unions on the matter and whether their delegates would be instructed how to vote, proponents of the new party held a special caucus at Olnevville. Despite heavy snowstorms, 100 delegates, representing 32 of the state's 67 local un-

ons, were present. For more than five hours the delegates sat in the Wool Sorters' Hall and hammered out a policy which they will present to the convention on an almost unanimous basis. A tentative platform NEW YORK .- Pledging sup- was adopted and a committee of nine was elected to draft as constitution for the new party.

# U. S. PREPARES SHIPOWNERS Kidwell Supports FOR CONFLICT PRESS FIGHT

ON VICTIMS Record-Breaking Armaments Bill Passed Neutrality Legislation Squelched-

> WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Passage of the record-breaking armaments appropriation by Congress, squelching of all effective neutrality legislation, and open proclamation by the State Department that the United States is prepared to defend American capitalist interests in the Orient, are seen here as integral parts of a single governmental course.

It is interpreted by observers to mean the abandonment by the capitalist government of the U.S. of the guise of "watchful waiting" in the field of international affairs. It is the signal that America will henceforth taken an open hand in foreign matters.

LATIN AMERICA

ference of delegates from all conference is calculated to concountries of North and South (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

DEAR COMRADES:

America to meet in Bucnos Aires also accepted as a move in the program which will place the inited States in a decisive imerialist role.

Threat to American capitalist While Paddy of Great Britain and, secondly, Announcement that President from the revolutionary unrest of Roosevelt has called for a con- populations. The Buenos Aires part of certain leadership," three

## Open Letter To Socialist Party Convention

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION, SOCIALIST PARTY M. DEMPSTER, STATE SECRETARY, FRESNO, CALIF.

We wish to extend to your convention fraternal greetings on behalf of the California District Committee of the Communist

We are sending this letter because there are common problems that confront both your party and ours, and the entire people of California. The increasing attacks of the reactionary forces of this state on the labor movement and on the democratic rights of the people, the growing danger of fascism and war, which is especially acute on the Pacific Coast, require the unity of all labor and progressive forces in the defense of our common interests, regardless of any political differences that exist among us. Pro-fascist tendencies are on the increase, as exemplified by the use of the Criminal Syndicalist law, "disaster preparedness" ordinances, anti-picketing laws, and other anti-labor legislation, and by the growth of vigilantism sponsored by the employers against the militant unions.

The united front of the Socialist and Communist parties would go a long way, far beyond our immediate circle of members and sympathizers, to unify the whole labor movement in the defense of its economic and political interests. We welcome the fact that the outstanding leader of your party, Norman Thomas, has on numerous occasions recently publicly declared himself in favor of united action in defense of labor and civil rights, and has personally shown the way by participating in the campaign for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon. We greet the fact that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party has elected a committee to meet with the American League Against War and Fascism to discuss united action. We are especially glad to note that in this state, many individual Socialists and branches of the Socialist Party have participated in united front action on numerous local and state-wide issues.

We therefore earnestly urge that your convention seriously consider steps to conduct a joint campaign with us for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California; to reach an agreement between our two parties to avoid competing candidates in certain Assembly and Congressional districts in the coming elections; and where such agreement can be reached, to run a joint slate in selected districts on an agreed-upon platform for social and labor legislation and the defense of labor and civil rights.

We hope that your convention will consider this matter urgent enough to immediately authorize a committee to meet with a committee representing our party, to discuss these questions and see if we can reach an agreement that will be satisfactory to both

> Comradely yours, California District Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.

THREE GANGS FIRED FOR RESISTING SPEED-UP **EFFORTS** 

#### Longshoremen Alert

EMPLOYERS VEER AIM AT I.L.A. LOCAL AS NEXT CHARTER VICTIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17. nterests in the Latin American Coast District LL.A. secretary countries comes from the rivalry derided the plot of the shipown-American-Hawaiian Pier 26, when they refused to bow before at entirely provocative speed-up edict ssued by T. G. Plant, leader of the faction of the employers who are insistent upon going through with their union-wrecking plan despite all public and governmental oressure.

The gangs were discharged when they refused to hook on three trailers to each dock jitney in place of the customary

This sudden attempt to change a working system that has been in effect since the 1934 strike on every dock in San Francisco Bay is a premeditated, trouble-fomenting move on the part of the Matson - owned American - Hawaiian Company, Its president, T. G. Plant, is also head of the Waterfront Employers' Association, avowed enemy of the Maritime Federation.

INCREASED PROFITS The employers have not dared o use the time-worn excuse "increasing operating costs" in the ace of the recent reports on the inancial pages of every capitalist paper, which offer convincing testimony of the inreased profits

lustry. Due to the "neglect" of the I.L.A. district officials in carrying out the decisions of the 1935 dis trict convention, which called for a standard load and working rule on a coast-wise basis, Local 38-79 of San Francisco, under able

and business in the maritime in-

#### DRESS WORKERS STRIKE CALLED OFF-THEY WIN

(Continued on Page 6, Col. 5)

NEW YORK .- (FP) - The threatened strike of 105,000 dressmakers in the New York garment area is definitely off.

The dress associations have agreed to the new terms, and the three others in the industry are expected to fall in line in the near future.

Official reports of the settlement won by Pres. David Dubinsky and Vice President Julius Hochman of the Int'l Ladies' Garment Workers' Union will be given to a union mass meeting at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 17. Speeches of the union officers will be broadcast over WEVD.

# Rank and File At Mass Rally

Vandeleur and Reactionaries Scored By Speakers at Modesto Defense Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The growing opposition of honest elements in the San Francisco labor movement to the disruptive policies of the Vandeleur machine found dramatic expression in the speech delivered by George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Local of the Teamsters' Union, and outstanding West Coast labor leader for twenty years at the mass meeting held under the

Pauspices of the Modesto Defense Conference in Dreamland Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, at which Harry Bridges presided. Kidwell, speaking with impressive carnestness and directness and evident sincerity, openly took his tand with the rank and file elements led by Harry Bridges, and "New" Constitution lenounced the Vandeleur machine with which he was, until recently, dentified.

#### VANDELEUR SCORED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. Kidwell, rising from a sick-bed 17.—In what the capitalist press to address the Modesto Defense terms "a victory for the con- meeting, disclosed the efforts made servatives," the thirty-third In- by certain elements in the ofernational Seamen's Union Con- ficial labor movement to coerce rention re-elected 84-year-old An- him into associating himself with lrew Furuseth as president, and Vandeleur's refusal to appear at his right-hand man, Paddy Ryan the meeting, which the latter as international secretary-treas- broadcast in the San Francisco press during the past week. Ex-This action of the Convention, pressing regret that the failure of which is entirely in the hands of the official labor movement to I support the efforts in defense of ates from the East and the Gulf, the eight maritime workers framwas merely a taunting gesture at ed by the Standard Oil Company he West Coast seamen. The were evident in an insufficient lattendance at the mass meeting, constitution" that will give full Kidwell recalled the historic meetling held in the same hall, during the 1934 strike, when as a member of the Strategy Committee be accompanied Vandeleur to the Teamsters' mass meeting at Dreamland Auditorium to endeavor to dissuade them from walking out in support of the maritime strike, and criticized his own role in the

> SUPPORTS UNIONS Revealing his decisive break

with the Vandeleur-Rossi mathine, and pledging full support o maritime labor in their present struggle against the shipownesr' union-smashing conspiracy, Kidwell evoked cheers from the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

## ISU OFFICIALS SEEK TO KILL STRIKE BALLOT

RANK AND FILE PAPERS RESTRAINED FROM USE OF I.S.U. TITLE

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.-With vote of nearly a hundred to one in favor of a strike piling up, V. A. Olander, resigning international secretary-treasurer, took time out in the tabulation of the ballots to warn East Coast seamen not to be stampeded into a strike."

In answer to the rousing and nearly unanimous demands of the Atlantic seamen for better working conditions and increased scale of wages the reactionary controlled Convention adopted a resolution which speaks for itself:

"We hereby warn district unions, members, and seamen generally of the Atlantic and Gudf areas against the danger of yielding to the subversive propaganda now being circulated from anonymous sources by irresponsible persons intended to stampede the seamen under circumstances leading straight to disaster."

In honey-coated words from the lips of one who has done A capacity crowd of 12,000 is everything in his power to wreck expected to hear Dr. Townsend the maritime unions-especially speak, and also Edward J. Marg- on the Pacific, Olander stated, ett, state area manager for North- "A strike action on the Atlantic only result in defeat for the men, Dr. Townsend is expected to give but will also seriously endanger in the Pacific district."

## Spiking a "Labor Clarion" Forgery RED-BAITERS WITHIN THE A. F. OL. L. ADOPT TACTICS OF HEARST The 60-page thirty fifth anni- are some worth while articles, the "Seattle Star" and published about—it's composed of Com-

change in the relationship of fen- mittee for support in their efforts | However, it would be wrong to editor for Mr. Hearst. ant farmers to the lands they op- to secure legal justice for Negro say that red-baiting is all the Labor Clarion contains. There A good reprint was taken from worth striving for and talking

versary number of the Labor mostly reprints. If the Labor Clarion official organ of the Clarion was expressing an honest tack on Hearst and states, in A. has Negroes within its own San Francisco Central Labor disagreement with what Commun-Writing in the New York Times membership, and the insecurity Council, just off the press, could ists and other progressive rank

part: "Hearst, pampered from boyhood, has never known opposi-Agriculture Wallace, declared that quent failure of the law to give and as such-would certainly draw would be welcome, no matter how tion within the organization he ruled like an iron duke. Unmoral, ed by tenants and nearly as large by the Constitution cannot pass Hearst, the Liberty League and But when the editor of an of- selfish, unscrupulous in all his a percentage of our farmers rent unnoticed by the board . . . It is such "Labor leaders" as Woll, ficial organ of so important a methods, he has never hesitated of the land they farm." Later the sincere hope of the National Green, Hutchenson, Scharrenberg labor body stoops to lying dist to jeopardize the lives and hapin the same article Wallace Board that Y.W.C.A. members and tortions and the faking of docu- piness of others to gain his own ing and use of forged documents, bluntly stated that: "We can hard- throughout the country will feel financial support in the form of ments, and tells his readers they end. His accusation is-'He's a the first page of the Labor Clarly deal fundamentally with ero- impelled to give fresh considera- business advertisements from a are reprints of official documents Communist.' If an individual holds ion under the caption, "Expose ern California, and Gomer Smith. and Gulf under existing circumsions and other type of soil wast- tion to the Scottsboro case and number of the most notorious from the Communist Plans and News- of Oklahoma. A musical program stances and conditions will not ne qualifies for the job of labor of the Lord of San Simeon-he's papers," the editor indulges in

without comment. It is a bitter at-

The article ends with the following: "What America needs most right now is not protection from the Communists but from Hearst." HEARSTS METHODS

Although publishing this condemnation of Hearst in red-bait-(Continued on Page 3)

a Communist! If an organization the well-known slimy methods SOME GOOD ARTICLES | believes that peace is an ideal of Hearst-of taking a document a number of speeches in his trip the district union and membership

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across the country.

# Battle for Social Insurance Takes Form at Capitol

## NATIONAL CONGRESS ON LABOR AND SOCIAL LEGISLATION TO BE HELD IN WASH. APRIL 4, 5, 6

#### Plan Broad United Front Around Issue of Frazier Social Insurance Bill

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- A National Congress for Social and Labor Legislation to be held in Washington, April 4. 5 and 6, was one of the major questions discussed and acted upon at the February 1st meeting of the National Joint Action Committee for Genuine Social Insurance.

The plans for the conference call for enlarging the sponsoring committee to include many prominent and influential leaders of trade

Kidwell Declares

For Progressives;

Scores Vandeleur

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audience when he declared that

in travelling through the coun-

try in the course of the past year

he has repeatedly been met with

the remark that there "seems to

only one thing wrong with that

group on the waterfront . . . and

that is that the shipowners can't

He contrasted the waterfront

leadership with the official lead-

ership on the Central Labor Coun-

cil, and appealed to the union

men present to cleanse their un-

ions of the elements who are be-

traving their struggle, pointing

out that dishonest leadership was

Standard Oil stool pigeons who

placed the dynamite used to frame

entral Labor Council to investi-

gate and cleanse all the delegates,

he said. "I agree that certain ele

It was evident that Kidwell

spoke with full realization of the

serious nature of the consequences

that might be involved, declaring

that as a result of the step he

was taking, attempt might be

made to end his activities in the

trade union field. "Don't think

their attempted coercion has any

cisco . ...it doesn't pay to be as-

sociated with the labor movement

unless you have the courage and

ATTORNEY SPEAKS

Defense Attorney H. Faulkner

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C.L.C. DELEGATES SEATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.-

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unions and other organizations. and for the formation of the broadest united front around the issues of social and labor legislation by inviting organizations to bring forward at the congress. any measures and proposals which they may wish to have considered in addition to those which the Joint Action Committee has endorsed.

#### TOWNSEND PLAN

"This Congress," said Herbert Benjamin, secretary of the National Joint Action Committee, "should include the Townsend Plan and other such movements so that they may, if possible, join with us in the congress to plan common legislation. We may not be in a position to accept their plans in full, but it is possible for us to join in many instances against the forces which oppose us."

In answer to a communication from the Workers' Alliance an nouncing plans for a "National Congress for Workers' Rights and urging that the Joint Action Committee confer with them before any action to call a conferende is taken, a motion was unanimously passed "that we en deavor to arrive at an agreement which will provide for adequate participation, by the groups represented by the Workers' Alhance, in joint sponsorship of one national congress, providing, however, that the issues ar esubstantially similar to those around which it is proposed to call the National Congress on Labor and Social Legislation. And provided further, that such negotiations will not delay the call for the Congress beyond February 22nd or operate effect," he said, "I will not yield to the disadvantage of the move- to threats to disassociate me from ment already represented by the tabor movement of San Fran-National loint Action Committee!

#### for Comme Social Insurance. ENLARGED PROGRAM

The central issue around which conviction to do what you think The National Congress is being called is the Frazier-Lundeen Social Insurance Bill, but a number of trelated legislative measures such as the Relief and Workers Project Act, the Workers' Rights term frame-up, demonstrated that Amendment, the American Youth Act and a Farmer's Relief Bill will also receive much considera-

Preparations for the Congress are already lunder way; Boston and New York have definite plans for local conferences. Arrange- Conover, of the University and ments are being made by the Local Foint Action Committee fo mass meetings, debates, sympos iums on the Bill, radio broadcasts a wide distribution of the Frazier Lundeen Bill, post cards and other material. The building of Social Insurance Clubs of individual mem bers on a congressional or assem bly district basis was very lavora bly received and endorsed by the National Joint Action Commit-

An executive Committee of nine including F. Elmer Brown, chairman of the National Joint Action Committee: Mary Van Kleeck, and F. S. Kidneigh, vice chairman Herbert Benjamin, secretary; Pau line Rogers, assistant secretary and two representatives each from the trade union and fraternal field were elected to carry on day-to day work of the preparations for the National Congress in Wash ington, April 4, 5, and 6th.

#### Affair Planned By L. A. Jobless Union

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17-Locals 2, 32 and 60 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, meeting in Boyle Heights, are Central Labor Council despite the wan of Sonoma County or Attor Holding their first big affair in Angeles Hall, 1954 East First Street on February 22.

Low admission (10 cents) will sailors' delegates are technically rageous suit would never have be charged so that unemployed' seated, at the last meeting of the been filed. and eniployed workers will have Council they participated full in a chance to get together and be- the session. The plea of Tillman invited. Proceeds of the affair sailors to retain their charter and make no effort to punish a fla- in his Senatorial Committee's in- lowing to be the "minimum stanwill go toward carrying on the A. F. of L. status was applauded grant violation of the law and it vestigation of mob violence and dards of direct relief: work of the PWUU.

## Campaigning Against the Foreign-Born "Attack on Communism Almost

At the present time there are at least nine bills before Congress which call for deportation of noncitizens. All of them are vicious, obviously Hearst-inspired and exclusively anti-working class. Aupicable of these is Mr. Dies.

R. 5921, provides for the deportaion of any alien citizen who does iot declare his intention of beoming a citizen within one year after entering this country, It non-citizen who is a member of tions on public questions. or affiliated with, any organiza- The prolific Mr. Dies has pro- less.

nent is unnecessary.

nent of Labor. H. R. 6795 permits the arrest and detention for a period of 24 hours, without warrant, of any alien whom any employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service "has reason to believe is subject to depor-

#### DRASTIC

ious requirement that an alien, convicted for two or more crimes the Modesto boys. "Last year there was a motion passed in the nents in the Council needed leansing, but not the element the

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THE COMMUNISTS

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plaintiffs; and many of said

Communists have removed from

the said County of Sonoma to

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Ernest Besig, Northern Cali

fornia director of the American

Civil Liberties Union, whose at

torneys are representing Green

and Nitzberg, characterized the

suit as "ridiculous" and declared

I suppose next we'll have a suit

or damage because one of the

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"This suit," said Besig, "em

phasizes the need for a public in-

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INVESTIGATION

"It is pure dereliction of duty [

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. all members of said group

BOYCOTTING

**VIGILANTES** 

relled shotgun."

#### Aliens Who Helped Build This Country up the vast resources of the No Longer Needed By Exploiters

#### NEWS ITEM

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Otto Sohkanen, Finnish seaman, thor of one of the most des- revolutionist and California communist, today was to be deported to probable death before a firing squad in his homeland for the part he The Dies' Bill, known as H. took in trying to overturn the Finnish government in 1918.

Suffering a broken back, Sohkanen is to be carried aboard a deportees' train on a stretcher. Federal Judge St. Sure refused him liberty on habeas corpus.

ion which believes in or advises posed two more measures deal- One other anti-alien bill dethe overthrow of the govern- ing with non-citizens. H. R. 7120, serves mention. It is H. R. 3989, nent by force, or who "believes which had a hearing April 3, proposed by Taylor of Tennesn" the unlawful damage of prop- 1935, provides for the deporta- see. It asks deportation of "any erty, sabotage, or the establish- tion of alien Communists, Anar- alien or group of aliens designent of a system based upon chists and Fascists, and those affinated by the President of the ommon ownership of property. filiated with Communist or Fas- United States to be in the U. S. The intentions of this piece of cist organizations, or believing in contrary to the public interest," egislation are so frankly stated the overthrow of government or upon warrant of the Secretary of n its provision that further com- unlawful damage of property or Labor. Conviction of two or more sabotage, and establishment of a crimes, whether punished by im-Then there is the Kerr Bill, government based on common prisonment or not is made ground H. R. 6975, an administration bill ownershib of property. Aliens for deportation. by the way. Hearing on this bill advocating the overthrow of was held on April 9 and 10. It foreign governments not Commun- in the United States was the s the official bill of the Depart- ist or Fascist likewise are de- Alien Act of 1798. It was enacted

ment of Justice.

#### DICKSTEIN BILL

That other super-patriot, Mr Dickstein, has at least two proposals before the Congress. One, This bill also changes a pre- H. R. 5839, a committee bill, provides for termination of temporary visas or deportations of involving moral turpitude, must any alien who engages in "spreadhave been sentenced to at least ing propaganda from foreign one year in prison for each crime sources," or engages, in unlawful before he may be deported for political activity "instigated from such offense. H. R. 6795 would foreign sources." H. R. 7221,

provides for deportation of any course of strikes or demonstra- tains elaborate definitions, so vague as to be entirely meaning-

to curb unrest in this country The third Dies bill provides tollowing the French Revolution. for the transfer of administra- It was denounced and defended tive proceedings from the Depart- only as a war measure. Two years widespread strike wave, accomcompletely forgotten.

#### NEED CHEAP LABOR

For a century after this, industry was growing and expanding in this country at a rate unparalleled in history. Cheap labor was needed by manufacturers and land-owners. So the United States became an "asylum for alien rebels." Immigrants were encouraged to come. Singly and in groups,

Following the Haymarket demonstration for an 8-hour day in 1886 and the assassination of President McKinley, deportation laws The cry against aliens once more was raised to the skies. But not until the period of war hysteria during 1917 and 1918 did the deportation of aliens assume a mass character.

#### PALMER RAIDS

After the war came the vicion Doak and Palmer raids. Drag-net round-ups terrorized militant labor and many workers were deported, mostly Communists.

Alien deportation laws invariably have been used against militant labor. Individuals involved in strikes and demonstrations to better economic conditions, for political freedom or against war, have been singled out. In practically every case recorded there was no evidence and no danger of violence or revolution in the near future.

rest gave rise to a powerful and the local strations against evictions.

of foreign born workers against these bills, and against deportation, must be centered not alone within the language groups, but also in trade unions. The United Mine Workers of America are opposed to deportations. Other trade unions also can be won to the struggle. The campaign must be broadened to include all pro-

## Sure Sign of Fascist Trend" Sinclair Lewis Tells Press

#### Writer of Famous Book, "It Can't Happen were enacted against anarchists. Here," Warns American People of Danger

Seeing an imminent threat of Fascism in America today, Sinclair Lewis in his widely discussed book, "It Can't Happen Here," warned Americans that, "Fascism comes on cat's feet, first through a national state of mind and then through some crisis. We have symptoms of a dangerous state of mind."

(Continued from Page 1) and militant leadership is the only ort on the coast where the vicious speed-up has been eliminated and a standard load established. PROVOCATION

to use this latest provocative at-The present wave of repressive tack upon the working conditions nism . . . The danger is from exlegislation therefore is typical of of Local 38-79, as a prelude to a ploiting groups that endow them past experience. Economic depres- demand of National President J sion and consequent social un- P. Rvan to revoke-the charter of on Communism is almost a sure

later this act was buried and panied by unemployed demonstra- of the fact that the demand of directors were gingerly handling tions, farmer strikes and demon the shipowners that "steps be the scenario," It Can't Happen taken to curb the irresponsible Here," for fear of causing "In-The campaign for protection trouble-making union" led to re- ternational Complications" . . . . voking of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific

> INCREASED SLINGLOADS At Pier 15 an attempt was made to force the gangs to increase the slingloads of coffee picture reported to Lewis, "Mr. from ten sacks to eleven. It met Havs told the producers he didn't with defeat when the longshoremen know which way the next elections kept right on loading the cusomary sized slings.

On Pier 26, however, T. G. ..." Plant himself appeared and orlered the longshoremen to either increase the trailers to three in number or else cover up. The Columbian was being unloaded at the time. Apparently hoping to 'scare" the men, only one gang was fired at first. The other gangs, however, refused to be scared into any speed-up and they

#### were also discharged." NOTHING DOING

Undaunted the men stuck their hocks in their belts and walked off the pier. "They'll never get us to go back to the miserable pre-strike man-killing speed-up system," one of the gang stewards stated as the men left for the I.L.A. hiring hall.

This statement represents the unanimous sentiment of the local end, unless informed otherwise, lengshoremen who are determind under no circumstances to alow the return of the evil "blue book union" days in any shape or

## Leads Jobless, Marcantonio Is Slugged, Jailed

ARRESTED IN ATTACK ON DEMONSTRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.-Congressman Vita Marcantonio, (R., N. Y.) Saturday was slugged by police and arrested while leading a demonstration of 12,000 WPA

Demonstrators had sought and Clothing "appropriate to climate had been refused a permit to paand season and consistent with rade. At a mass meeting preceeding the parade Marcantonio, one of the main speakers, called for the march. Demonstrators were met by a cordon of some

Marcantonio, in the lead, shout-

"Forward march!"

Police closed in with clubs swinging. Demonstrators protected themselves with any weapons Household goods, "Replacement that came to hand. Eight were and renewal of essential house-larrested with the Congressman, but all later were released.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Laud- time." ing Abraham Lincoln, "the real charges are not in excess of the Abraham Lincoln, an outstanding er or American farmer organizes Congressman Marcantonio, on the National Guard, vigilantes, or their repeating itself and "the crisis Liberty and 'state's rights." which confronted Abraham Lincoln Combination subs for the and the people of our country at fighter, was one of those who Western and Sunday Workers are that time was precipitated by the last year demanded a federal in-

#### The "symptoms," said Mr. Lewis in a recent interview, are plainly visible in numerous proposals such as, the Kramer anti sedition bill, Teachers' Oaths, brow-beating of professors by redbaiting organizations and Hearst papers, and chiefly through the. -'fear policy' developed by Eas-

stigated the proposals. "FEAR" PROPAGANDA

cist minded groups who have in-

Characterizing the policy of the "Fear" propaganda toward Counmunism as the most dangerous threat to Democracy at present, The shipowners obviously seek Lewis states, ". . . There's not the slightest danger from Commuwith frightfulness . . . An attack sign of Fascist-mindedness."

and fear of offending Mussolini and Hitler, the leaders of "friendpowers."

Sydney Howard, playwright who prepared the script for the might go, and he certainly did not intend to offend the Republicans

#### DICTATOR HAYS

Sinclair Lewis' reply was, "If Mr. Haves thinks that an antifascist film might be interpreted s anti-Republican, that might certainly be interesting to a lot of Republicans."

Mr. Hays, who is president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors, was said to have forbidden the filming of the novel, partially because of "internal complications" it might cause.

However, in Hollywood, executives at the MGM studios said they had not been informed of any "ban" from the Hays office n regard to the film "It Can't Happen Here."

The picture was scheduled to go before the cameras next weekpreparations will continue."

#### IT DOES HAPPEN!

VERMONT, Feb. 17.-It is happening here. Right in the granite hills of Vermont, scene of the Sinclair Lewis novel, "It Can't Happen Here," hired thugs beat up workers, strangers have been slugged into insensibility, labor organizations are destroyed by tercorism, poverty is widespread and relief slight, and bosses prosper.

Three months ago 600 workers went on strike, demanding a living wage and recognition of their unions. Fascist terror followed.

#### MOBILE SAILORS BACK PACIFIC COAST SEAMEN

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 14.-Re fused the use of their own un-256 members of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors' Association met in the Labor Temple instead and went on record as unanimously opposed to attempts of the LSU convention to reinstate Paul Scharrenberg in the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

The Mobile branch meeting on dorsed the Gulf Maritime Federation and voted to send delegates to its next meeting.

Business Agent Ross, declared the meeting "illegal" and refused

fronts the American people at this

"Whenever the American work-

Marcantonio, a progressive coming in nicely. They cost same tribunal which is now pre- vestigation of the Gallup, N. M., cipitating the crisis which con- miner frame-ups.

## permit deportation of any alien proposed by Dickstein, substant they came. And they played gressive and militant organizaconvicted of minor offenses in the tially is the same as 5839 but con- an important part in building tions.

## Japanese Aggression in Mongolia Intended

shdate American influence against I the two powers would remain and Nitzberg certainly did shoot at Britain and to draft a unified pro- the possibility of war in the them. It was when the drunken grain for the suppression of un future would be held in obeyance THE ORIENT JAPANESE ATTACK

The vigilante gangsterism last Sear was directed against the Communists," who were ordered to After the tarring and feathering of Green, the decent elements of the population boycotted the busi-The vigilantes now charge in

Actual conflict between American and Japanese forces is not considered likely, inasmuch a both capitalist powers, despite the powers of Comunism than

If such a maneuver could be

## U. S. PREPARES FOR CONFLICT AS New Constitution HUGE APPROPRIATION IS VOTED For I.S.U. Permits

Two views are held here re-

One view is that the incedents

Japan flatly rejects the sugges

Asked in Bill By

Rep. Marcantonio

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—

six billion dollar "Federal Re-

Standard Relief

garding the maneuver.

Soviet pact by France.

## To Halt Franco-Soviet Peace Pact

(Continued from Page 1)

howling, armed mob of vigilantes rest. Threat to American capitalist SHANGHAI. Feb. 17.—Activities of Japanese-Manchukan troops on the border of the Mongolian

In consequence of the alleged interests in the Orient comes from cts, the vigilantes claim that they the growing revolutionary strength were rendered tired, sore and of the Chinese people, and from People's Republic, together with lame . . . sustained severe snocks Japan, who not only proposes to a propaganda campaign being and injuries to their nervous sys- suppress the Chinese revolution, pressed by Japanese newspapers tems." but were not permanently but to drive out American in would indicate that the present

By its under-cover financing any to date. of the dictatorship of Chiang-Kaishek, American capitalism has tions have been carried out by ong played the major role in the lapanese in this territory for suppressing the Communist move- more than a year. At present, ment and Central China. Failure however, the Japanese press is of the mercenary troops of Chiang playing them up with hysterical to accomplish this task brings a zeal. situation where, unless America is prepared to march in with her own troops, Japan will undertake he task. In this event, slie would are designed by the Japanese to

ot only suppress Communism, create publicity unfavorable to out throttle American influence. the ratification of the Franco-SUBTERFUGE

Observers believe that the The other view is that Mongolia Inited States would never openly is the next objective in Japan's leclare an aggressive war against drive of conquest and that these hinese Communism. Rather, it "incidents" are intended to probelieved, she would lend her vide the excuse for actual invasion. tionalist government under the that a committee be formed to ing and lighting facilities guise of "insuring China's inde- investigate the disturbances and pendence." This course would that such a committee include tend to direct aggression North- impartial observers from other ward, toward the border of the countries

Meanwhile, American troops, un tion of including neutral power der the slogan of "insuring Chi- in the investigation. nese independence" would be used to suppress the Chinese masses.

COMMON FEAR

their enmity, are more fearful of they are of each other.

achieved (and observers believe While Mayor La Guardia and city an attempt is likely). Japan would police were refusing to permit invade the Soviet Union, while 25,000 jobless to march in a city-Central China. Enmity between relief. Vito Marcantonio, militant ing.

"We will ask Senator Van Nuvs lief and Work Projects Standards of Indiana to include full inves- Act." come acquainted. Everyone is for support in the struggle of the when County and State officials tigation of the Santa Rosa affair is plain encouragement to further lynching."

# E.C. Dictatorship

GOV'T SEEKS TO PROTECT SCHARRENBERG SHEET

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.-The I.S.U. Pilot, popular rank and file seamen's paper, published here ras been given urtil March 6 to change its name.

The order was handed down vesterday by the Federal Trade Commission in Washington. Excuse given was that the I.S.U Pilot ais "wrongfully interfering with the circulation of the Seamen's lournal," official journal of skirmishes are more serious than the top bureaucracy of the International Seamen's Union. Minor hostilities and provoca-

Paul Scharrenberg is one of the editors of the Seamen's Jour nal. The I.S.U. Pilot consistently has defended the right of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific to remain within the I.S.U. and puts forward such demands as:

Build and strengthen the I.S.U.; for 100 per cent organization in the industry; all shipping through the union hall on a rotation basis; for trade union democracy and against reactionary constitutions; or regular union membership meetings; to fight for beiter wages and working and living conditions; for an East Coast Maritime Federation.

irmed forces to the Chinese Na- The Soviet Union has proposed adequate shelter, sanitation, heat- workers.

and appearance, including necesministration.'

nold goods and equipment."

owned by relief recipient, in place of rent, provided such carrying N. Y. Representative introduced

self-respect, comfort and utility.' Medical and dental care "sufficient to preserve physical fitness

sary devices and appliances and 200 police. special medical or surgical treatment or care by physicians or institutions of the relief choice, subject of uniform fees as determined upon by local relief ad-

"Carrying charges on home

amount of the rental allowance fighter in the history of our coun- for a decent living," he declared, America would police South and wide demonstration for increased for substantially the same hous- try for the rights of the masses," "the Tories either call out the The new Marcantonio Bill pro- floor of the House warned mem- thugs to break strikes, or they go vides for enforcement immediately bers of Congress that history is to the Supreme Court and cry upon passage.

> The new bill declares the fol-Housing "sufficient to provide | \$3.00

# CONGRESSMAN, 8 OTHERS

# CRISIS NEARING IN ITALY-ETHIOPIAN ADVENTURE IS FAILING

## The "Labor Clarion" In The Guise of Mr. Hearst

How an Editor Falsified a Document to Further a Union-Wrecking Plan

(Continued from Page 1) ious by writing in things that were not contained in the original. For example, the document which the Labor Clarion preplot, secretly distributed, was published in No. 5 of a monthly News Letter for December, 1935. Here is how the editor distorts

VERY SECRET Instructions to all Sections. Must be followed without deviation. Program adopted at the State Communist Party Convention in San Francisco, November 24th, 1935. Here is what actually was is

sued and sent out by the Party MONTHLY NEWS LETTER Issued by the District Trade Union Commission, District 13. Communist Party, U. S. A. 121 Haight Street, S. F., Calif.

WHOSE SECRET? What was issued publicly in a by the editor of the Labor Clare ion. Just why Hearst and others follow this stupid method mystery. For example, the "condemned document advises, all members of the Communist Party "to stimulate the fight through the A. F. of L. for prevailing union rates of pay on all WPA projects and work towards the organization of the relief workers into the A. F. of L." According to the editor, this seems to be "red propaganda." But if he is against organizing the unorganized into the A. F. of L., let him come out and state his reasons To dishiss it by saying "He's a

Communist." is merely playing Hearst's game. Another proposal in this socalled "secret document" is that every member of the Communist should distribute the panis çan Arbor," This pamphlet con-Lewis President of the United I nanciis I. Gorman, president of the Textile Workers Un-Annual Convention of the A. F of L. Lewis spoke for industrial unionism. for organizing the unorganized, and against the growing fascist tendence in America. Gorman spoke in the same manner and for the formation of Farmer-Labor Party.

SHOULD BE FRANK Is it a "secret red plot" to distribute speeches made by trade union leaders at an A.F. of L. convention? Or is the editor trying to impress his readers that to advocate industrial unionism, organize the unorganized and to form a Farmer Labor Party involves a Communist scheme to control union labor? If the editor is opposed to the movements, why doesn't he say so frankly, and state his reasons? Another proposal in this so-

called "secret" document is that all progressive forces should "carry on a persistent campaign in all unions for affiliation to the State Federation of Labor. , the editor of the "Labor Clarion against this, too? We would like to reprint the

entire document but space limita tions forbid. The original document in listing a number of papers and bulletins gotten out by various progressive groups in different unions, stated:

"Below is a partial list of the Rank and File bulletins now being issued in the State." But the Labor Clarion editor had to distort this too, so that he printed the lollowing: "Below is a partial list of the Rank and File Bulletins now being issued by our party sections through out the state." This is pure forgery.

document at this time in the "Labor Clarion," crude as it is, is to win support of the union- printing this enlarged anniversmashing program now being sary edition of the "Labor Clarion" carried out by Green's agent, was to hide the union-splitting Joe Gasey, who is attempting to policy of Scharrenberg and Casey establish a dictatorship of re- under a typical Hearstian red actionaries over progressives in smoke screen.

the Central Trades and Labor issued by the Communist Party Council at San Diego. Convenand attempting to make it myster- liently enough, this distortion appears in the "Labor Clarion" as a reprint from the San Diego "Labor Leader," under the able, if unscrupulous guidance of Joe Casey, who was faced with the task of inventing a reason why the Trades Council charter should be revoked. The "Labor Clarion" discloses this very clearly when it ays: "It will be recalled that the American Federation of Labor was compelled some time ago to remove the officials of the Central Labor Body of that city because of internal dissensions brought about by "red" activi-

ACTUAL REASONS

What the "Labor Clarion" fails o tell its readers is that the first reason given for removing all officers of the San Diego Labor Council, and ordering a new election, was that representation to that body consisting of five delegates' from each affiliated organization, was contrary to the laws laid down by the A. F. of L. Nevertheless, the representation objected to had been the ustom in San Diego for more than 20 years. However, when Casey found out through the new elections of delegates that the even greater majority—that 33 unions out of 38, representing nearly 90 percent of the entire membership were for retaining their leaders and the progressive brogram— then the old red her ing was dragged out.

"The Constitution be damned," said Casey and he proceeded to abolish meetings and to set up his own dictatorship.

HIT DEMOCRACY

Whenever the Rank and File iemands the right to elect democratically its delegates and officials, and demands from the officials before they are elected that they state their position on he issue of the day-whenever the Rank and Fire does this-it is 'red activity." And if, when they cannot get their opinions published in the official organ, such as the Labor Clarion, and they publish their own poverty stricken little mimeographed sheets, they are "Communists." The editorial of this anniversary issue of the Labor Clarion has not one word to say of the widely-known, widely publicised, planned attack of the shipowners and the Industrial Association against the maritime unions. Instead, it talks about "a better and more tolerant spirit on the part of both capital and labor." It leclares that "the present year may see the back-bone of the lepression broken." And the edifor again dips his pen in the Hearst red-baiting ink-well and labels the struggle going on withn the trade unions (presumably the Sailors Union) of a Communst plot to gain control of these

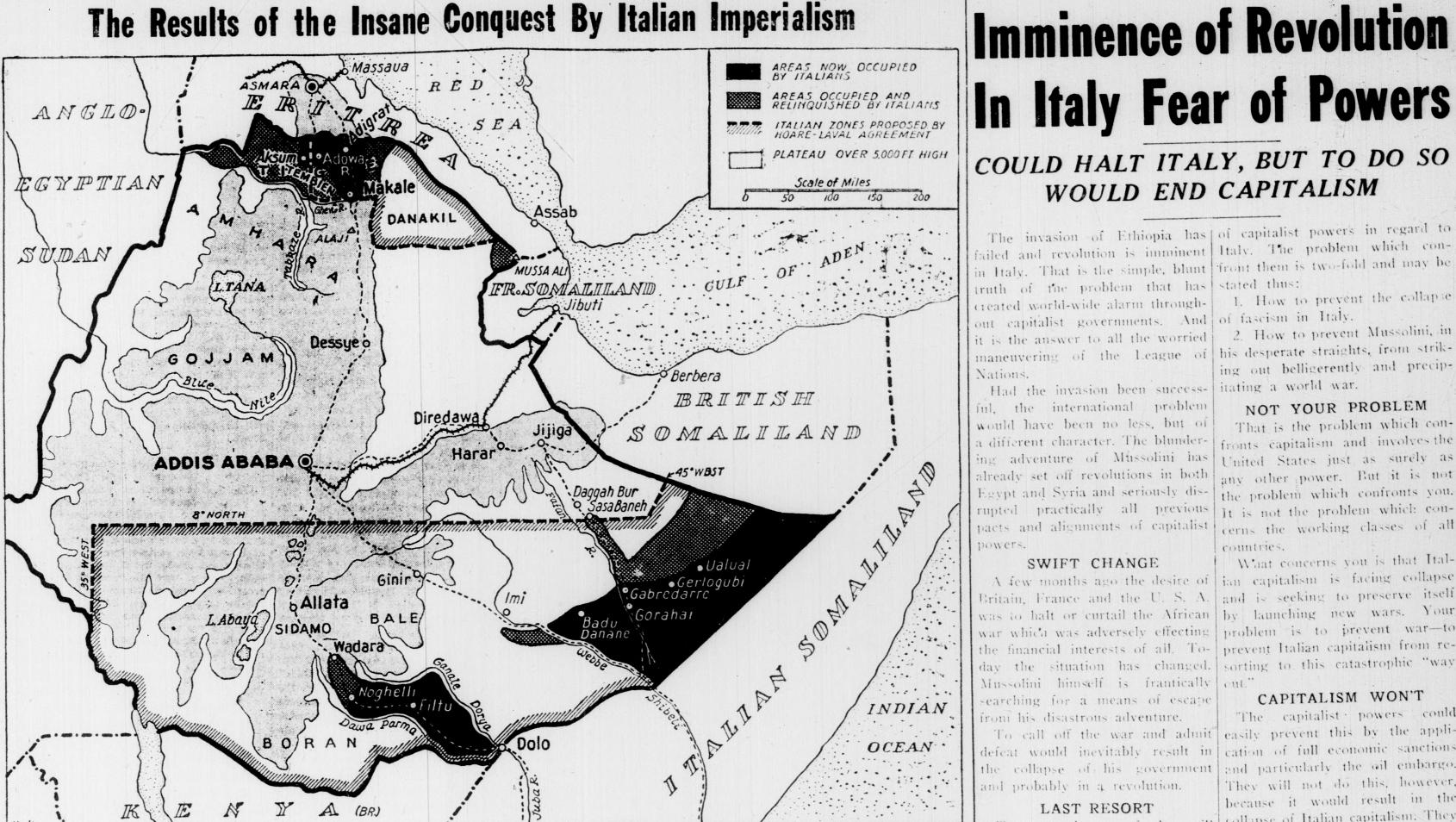
TRUTH WILL OUT

One statement in the editorial we heartily endorse, but when the editor wrote it he must have had his fingers crossed. He wrote: 'The American Federation is a democratic organization; if its laws and policies are unsatisfactory to certain unions or individuals these can be changed in the prescribed method."

This is exactly what the Rank and File in the Sailors Union is trying to do-and has done. But the shipowners have more power over, and their decisions more weight with Victor Olander and Paul Scharrenberg, than do the principles of the A. F. of L. or the voice of the membership of

the International Seamens Unon. The public utilities and the San Diego Chamber of Comnerce were the main critics of the San Diego Trades and Labor Council and this had more weight with Casev than the democratic principles of the A. F. of L. or The specific purpose behind the opinion of 90 per cent of the members of the trade union move-

ment of that city. Seemingly, the only reason for The Results of the Insane Conquest By Italian Imperialism



The extent of the disaster which has overtaken Italian troops in the African invasion can be judged from the above map. After four months of fighting, the northern armies have not yet penetrated as far as the the ill-fated invasion of 1896. Compare the graphic facts portrayed above with the extravagant accounts of victories and advances which appear constantly in the Hearst press. It will be seen from the map that the Italian army has been driven back from at least a third of the territory it has occupied to date.

# Tne Criminal Syndicalism Prisoners And the Force and Violence Charge

ACCUSATIONS THAT COMMUNISTS INDULGE IN OR ADVOCATE VIOLENCE ARE LIES

When Pat Chambers, now | starvation, brutality; I am glad prisoner No. 57589 at San Quentin I took part to a small extent penitentary, made his final argu- in the struggle against them nent to the jury in the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial ast year, he said:

"No strike leader will incite violence. Calling a strike is a great responsibility. I want to point out that if any of these strikes (Note: He was on trial for leading agricultural strikes. Ed.) had not been conducted correctly by us, not only growers would have condemned the organization, but workers would have been the first to do so. Yet not a single worker came forward to testify against the organization.

LEARN THE TRUTH

"You yourselves are more or less sheltered. I ask you, irrespective of your decision in this case, to do one thing. Go to the agricultural fields and see for yourselves how miserable the conditions of life are there. You will see children with the terrible imprint of hunger on their faces.

"I swore to fight against all organizations that use their power to browbeat the poor. I swore above all that these children would not go hungry. I have seen so much misery,

SYMBOLS OF VIGILANTE RULE

A lynching rope and a heavy lash studded with copper slugs.

Vigilantes in Imperial Valley burned a fiery cross in the neigh-

borhood of Superstition Mountain, and left these objects, together

with a threatening note as a warning to union organizers who

were held in the Imperial County jail.

and against the banks that caused them. They, now want to force wages back to the

same levels as before the strike. "In sentencing us 14 men and women to jail, you are sounding the opening gun in an attack on the wages of these workers."

UNION LEADER

This was the word of a man who fought shoulder to shoulder with the agricultural workers in their struggle to obtain a decent standard of living. Chambers was the organizer of the Cannary and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union. He was also a He was sent to the penitentiary, together with seven others, for a term of one to fourteen years, not for having committed any violence, but for having "con spired to commit violence."

And that is what the California Criminal Syndicalism law purports to cover. It reads in part: "The term "Criminal syndicalism" as used in this act is hereby defined as any doctrine or precept advocating, teaching or aiding and abetting the commission of crime, sabotage (which word is

SHOT DOWN BY VIGILANTES



Mexican cotton picker shot down in the Pixley massacre during the great cotton strike of 1933. Three men were killed and many wounded in that day of terror when growers' vigilantes attacked the strikers. Not a single vigilante or employer was

and malicious physical damage or work. Literally scores of violent more. injury to physical property), or crimes of employers, their vigi- To see Italy torn by civil strife. member of the Communist Party. unlawful acts of force and vio- lantes and even police authori-, the Duce overthrown and another lence or unlawful methods of ties were revealed in the trial, capitalist administration installed terrorism as a means of accom- But the employers were not be- in his place would not disturb the plishing a change in industrial ing-prosecuted-only the union world capitalists. What concerns ownership or control, or effect- organizers. ing any political change."

MAJOR ISSUE

prominently thrust to the public attention by the Hearst and other bers of the Communist Party. capitalist papers, the Criminal Syndicalism Act and the eight | The Communist Party is a young people imprisoned under its strictly legal political organizaterms become matters of first tion on the ballot in elections. Derate importance. This is especially spite every slanderous effort of comes the key to every maneuver so in view of the flagrant accusa- the Hearst press and reactionar tions that the men of the Pacific groups to create the impression Coast maritime unions are plot- that the Communist Party advoting violence against the ship- cates violence, the fact remains

We do not have to take the word of Pat Chambers for either claimed in 'a recent statement the conditions of the agricultural "To be a known Comunist is not workers or the true activities of a crime. The Comunist Party i his union. Prominent clergymen, a political party recognized by social workers and government the laws of this state and eninvestigators have deplored these titled to a place on the ballot.' conditions in language as vigorous as that of any Communist.

THE PROOF

As for activities of his union, we can cite the evidence of the C. S. trial itself. The whole history of labor struggles in the state was brought into that trial and not one single act of violence could be cited against the workers. What the evidence did show was that whenever workers exert their economic power and strike, the industrial owners resort to all conceivable violence and terrorism to break their picket lines, disrupt their organiza-

hereby defined as meaning wilful tion and drive them back to within Italy terrifies them even

As for "conspiracy to commit tion, which threatens Italy, is violence," this charge, in the C. revolution of the people which With the issue of violence S. trial, was based on the fact would overthrow not merely the that the defendants were mem- Duce and his regime but fascism and the whole capitalist system. It

NOT A CRIME

that it does not.

The State Bar Association pro-

COMMUNIST PRINCIPLES

The Communist Party does contend that the capitalist system of the private ownership of industries for the private profit of individuals is manifestly unjust and furthermore unworkable. It contends that as time goes on, this system will become more and more oppressive and more and more unsatisfactory to the people as a whole. It contends that sooner or later the people (the working population) must make a move to change this system and establish Socialism—the com- fense.

The invasion of Ethiopia has of capitalist powers in regard to failed and revolution is imminent Italy. The problem which conn Italy. That is the simple, blunt front them is two-fold and may be truth of the problem that has stated thus:

In Italy Fear of Powers

COULD HALT ITALY, BUT TO DO SO

WOULD END CAPITALISM

ful, the international problem

would have been no less, but of

pacts and alignments of capitalist

SWIFT CHANGE

searching for a means of escape

nd probably in a revolution.

LAST RESORT

Mod dog of Europe" is to plunge

STAGGERING COST

It is true that had Italy the

necessary finances and the support!

i the field of imperialism. This

CHIEF ALARM

are, the prospect of revolution

them is the fact that the revolu-

would mean the establishment o

KEY WORD

The word "revolution" thus be

mon ownership and operation of

industry for the common good.

It contends that when this point

is reached, the private capitalist

owners will repudiate democ-

racy and try to prevent this

change by force and violence

and that it will be necessary

for the working people to sup-

DISTORTION

It was by distorting and mis-

representing this view that the

prosecutors succeeded in bewild-

ering the jury in that trial into

The real reason for the trial

and the convictions was to sup-

press them by force.

a Soviet Italy.

But serious as these dangers

he outset of the war.

eral European conflict.

of revolution.

from his disastrous adventure.

created world-wide alarm through- 1. How to prevent the collapse

out capitalist governments. And of fascism in Italy. it is the answer to all the worried 2. How to prevent Mussolini, in maneuvering of the League of his desperate straights, from striking out belligerently and precip-Had the invasion been success- itating a world war.

NOT YOUR PROBLEM

That is the problem which cona different character. The blunder- fronts capitalism and involves the ing adventure of Mussolini has United States just as surely as already set off revolutions in both any other power. But it is not Egypt and Syria and seriously dis- the problem which confronts you. rupted practically all previous It is not the problem which concerns the working classes of all

What concerns you is that Ital-A few months ago the desire of ian capitalism is facing collapse Britain, France and the U. S. A. and is seeking to preserve itself was to halt or curtail the African by launching new wars. Your war which was adversely effecting problem is to prevent war-to the financial interests of all. To- prevent Italian capitalism from reday the situation has changed, sorting to this catastrophic "way Mussolini himself is frantically out."

CAPITALISM WON'T

The capitalist powers could To call off the war and admit easily prevent this by the applidefeat would inevitably result in cation of full economic sanctions the collapse of his government and particularly the oil embargo. They will not do this, however, because it would result in the To press the war farther will collapse of Italian capitalism. They nost certainly result in revolu- themselves would rather see war than preserve peace at such a The only means open to this cost.

NO COST TO YOU

To you, the collapse of Italian Italy into conflict with other European powers, thus distracting capitalism would be no "cost" attention from the African failure, at all. You have no such fear to giving him an excuse to withdraw hamper you in your desire to pre-

the invading troops, and provid vent war. ing him with the thin hope that By bringing mass pressure to ne may be able to preserve Italian | bear on capitalist/governments, the scism in the resultant turmoil, working class of the world can Even this course, however, does influence TO/A CERTAIN EXnot banish the ever-present bogey | TENT the course of international diplomacy. / This pressure must be exerted. But it is not the final word of working class power.

REAL POWER

of her people, she could by many The final word of the working years of warfare accomplish her class rests in the hand of labor. objective in Ethiopia. Under the Capitalist powers may sell oil, present circumstances, this is out raw materials or manufactured of the question. To push the in- armaments to belligerent powers, vasion as far as it has gone has but it is the hand of labor that seriously strained the country's makes the delivery. Labor must refuse to manufacture, transport The problem as viewed by other or handle in any way the matercapitalist powers is one of unre- ials of war. Working class emieved gloom. They cannot afford bargoes must be effective where o have Italy competing with them | capitalist embargoes fail.

It is the familiar practice of was one of their early alarms at capitalist nations to make a show of vielding to the demands of Still less do they relish the pros- the people by imposing partial empect of Italy precipitating a gen-bargoes. A boat with a hole in it is the same as no boat atall. EM-PARGOES MUST BE COM-

CAUSES

In passing, it is well to point out that the revolutionary situation in Italy is not a direct recult of the African invasion or of its failure. The growing discontent of the Italian masses was what drove Mussolini to the wild adventure in the first place.

It must also be observed that world capitalist powers will do everything they can to meet this situation by directing the belligerence of Italian capitalism toward the U.S.S.R, The recently reported pact between Germany and Italy may well be a step in this direction.

#### "White Collar" Jobs Created Under WPA

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.-Launching of "white collar" jobs for 35,000 unemployed workers in Los Angeles County under WPA awaited final approval here today by Comptroller J. L. McCarl. Projects are to include maintenance of libraries, beaches, streetcleaning work and specialized commodity projects such as shoerepairing.

LACRA officials stated this project was expected to reduce convicting eight of the defend- the present relief load of 30,000 ants on the charge of "conspir- family heads on the rolls,

DEFEAT SALES TAX

PORTLAND, Ore.—(FP)—Orepress the Cannery and Agricul- gon's sales tax proposal, voted tural Workers' Industrial Union. down twice before, received its Complete story of the C. S. worst thumping at recent special railroading will be found in the elections when it mustered few 5c-pamphlet, "THE C. S. CASE more than 30,000 votes. The AGAINST LABOR," published Grange, the Farmers' Union and by the International Labor De- labor organizations united to defeat the measure.

## AMALGAMATION OF PARTY UNITS, SUB-SECTIONS IN L.A. AREA PROPOSED WHERE TO GO

## Boss Smashes Attempted Organization in WPA Camp

## BULLY RULES MEN IN BAKERSFIELD RELIEF CAMP

By a Worker Correspondent.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 17 -Workers have been sent from various parts of the state to Camp Poso, a WPA project camp in the foothills 35 miles from here, to build fire trails. They were promised \$55 a month wages with \$13 deducted for "board room and medical attention."

But on their arrival in the camp they were told they would receive only \$48, with the \$13 dediction. They are actually receiving no more than \$45 a month, with many getting \$40 and \$35, and \$20 is deducted for "board, room and medical attention."

They do not get enough food to supply a man with energy for a day's work, and they are worked under a terrific speed-up system. Fear of being "sent down the road" keeps them on the run with their wheelbarrows.

enough blankets; the commissary ly sent him to another camp. Sevtobacco, and they are not per- up Sherwood's attempt. They callmitted to leave the camp, even ed upon the State Federation of for a walk, without special per- Unemployed and Allied Organimission of the superintendent, All zations in San Francisco to send Newton. Newton also has author- them a speaker and help them ity to deny them the privilege of organize a project union. once every six weeks.

Since they couldn't get to I made to meet at 1:30, Saturday I low workers.

quently given ten minute lay-offs

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fired," the field boss of E. M. Me- licenses."

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NEED OF JOINING A.F.L. UNION

By a Worker Correspondent. I now if I wanted to," said one

SOMERTON, Ariz.-"You are worker. "I'm stuck for car

Daniels and Sons, second largest "If I say anything on the job,

lettuce growers and shippers in I'll get canned," said another.

"I couldn't stay away from here per cent of the workers.

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town to cash their checks they began giving them to one of the truck drivers, endorsed, so he might cash them when he went. He cashed \$254 worth and skipped out.

An attack of appendicitis neressitated taking a man to town recently. He was shoved into an open truck, without blankets or comfort of any kind and haule 35 miles to a hospital. Exhausted and screaming with agony, he had to be operated on immediately upon his arrival.

MOVE TO ORGANIZE

The only recreation for the vic tims of this WPA camp is gam bling and walking,—the latte when they can get permission from Newton. Their only reading material is such trash as "True Story," "Western Story," and sex

One militant in the camp, Wm E. Sherwood, attempted to orga-They have no pillows, and not nize the men, and Newton promptsupplies nothing but candy and eral more of the men followed

transport the men, but they ac- Newton's espionage and bulldoz- wood did not get his pay check

Lasternoon, when all the bosses usually went to town. But when the time came and about 20 men started toward the gate it was discovered that the bosses had all

ORGANIZER "DUMPED"

When the speaker arrived h was escorted in by Newton himelf. As soon as he spoke to Joe Ryan, one who had helped organize the meeting, Newton fired the latter, refusing to give any reason for doing so. Ryan and the speaker then left the camp to return to Bakersfield. They net and spoke to two workers who were out for a walk (with permission). Newton, trailing benind them, pounced on these two and fired them.

Not far from the camp they encountered Sherwood, who had come over from the other camp earlier to attend the meeting and had been fired on general principles. Newton and Scott, a foreman, had followed him, armed with pick handles, thrown him into their car and taken him far offff his road into the foothills and dumped him.

The Federation speaker and Rvan took him to the camp to going to town on their day off. The speaker (who shall remain get his belongings and took him There are two open trucks to nameless here) was sent. Due to to Bakersfield with them. Shercommodate so few that actually ling, the meeting had to be called He left the WPA camp with no a worker gets to town about outside the camp. Handbills were money except a little that wa distributed and preparations were collected for him among his fel-

#### DIGGING THEIR OWN GRAVES



The militarized unemployed youth of Germany, counterpart of the American CCC, marching with shovels. And where are they marching? Certainly not to jobs. Their future lies in the barbed wire hell of no man's land.

## Federated Press Management Is Commended for Excellent Work

#### raditional Policy of Handling All News Without Factional Basis Reaffirmed

CHICAGO.—(FP)—The Federated Press, labor's news service, at the annual meeting of member papers in Chicago, Feb. 7, approved the acts of the management in the past year and commended the staff for its excellent work. The traditional policy of handling news without factional bias was reaffirmed. Board members whose terms ex-OAKLAND, Calif.—Should the pired were re-elected and two others named, to be announced when

fers" for an hour with the heads coma Labor Advocate, A. F. of manager, as assistant secretary of a company who have a strike L. central body organ, was re- Jule Seibel as assistant treasurer on their hands, when he is presid-relected chairman of the FP ex- The Washington bureau manager ing in the trial of two of the ecutive board. Raymond Hofses, is Henry Zon and the manager and both against Filipino, is an Agricultural Workers' Industrial strikers? This question got some editor of Reading Labor Advo- of Federated Pictures, weekly mat attempt to keep them from orga- Union were quick to label the fierce comments from various del- cate, also an A. F. of L. central service, is Henry C. Fleisher.

HATHAWAY ON BOARD

visited the main offices of the away, editor of Daily Worker, now number 110. Moore Snipyard, where a strike Communist daily; and Justus The central office is at 160 N has been in progress for some Ebert, editor of Lithographers LaSalle st., Chicago. The eastern time, on February 8. Pickets Journal, official organ of the Lith- bureau is at 30 Irving Place, New

CCC BOYS TO STRIKE AGAINST

where we have all Negro boys this time.

and the commanding officers are

with the commanding officers.

JIM-CROWISM, MILITARIZATION

ALTA LOMA, Calif.--I am and put them in with the new

Loma CCC camp at which I am this because he wants to break

ocated. It is a Jim-Crow camp up the unity existing previous to

We had a strike about two now preparing to strike against

ionths ago, for better food We the militarization and the dismiss-

won 100 per cent and since that al of several boys for their mili-

time conditions have improved. tancy. We are calling upon the

But now we have a different sit- new fellows to unite with us in

uation. The boys from the City this strike because it will solidify

Creek camp have been merged our ranks and we can offer def-

with the Alta Loma camp, along inite resistance to the officials of

The new captain knows the When I speak of militarization

Alta Lonia boys are militant, so I mean drilling and the stricter

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A budget for 1936 of \$17,966 was approved. The annual meet-Other members of the board ing laid down the rule that de weekly; Alfred M. Bingham, ed- service until \$50 had been paid During the debate it came out itor of Common Sense, a Farmer on account. Papers subscribing that Tyrrell and his court clerk Labor monthly: Clarence Hath- to FP news or pictures or both

ographers Intl. in the A. F. L. York City, and the Washington Carl Haessler continues as man- bureau at 1410 H st., NW, Wash-

The fellows in the camp are

## Some of these sub-sections have

neetings. In choosing six funcof comrades who as a whole are pership in leaders, a feeling of section committees.

in inner Party meetings.

ployed, anti-war or other mass to speed up our drive to become work. Two sub-sections having mass party. . the same territorial activity, working on a certain phase of acences in methods. A mass meet- posed plan of the comrade for re

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COMRADE OUTLINES WEAKNESSES

OF PRESENT SECTION SET-UP

By B. Ingham.

Comrade F. Brown, outlined in

the Party Organizer for Novem-

ber and December, to the Los

be closely checked.

THROWN TOGETHER

was in a period of mushroom

growth. The division of sub-sec-

tions was not carefully thought

out. In most cases, a territory

true some of the sub-sections are

ganizational structure to establish

WEAKNESSES

our section as a mass Party.

comrades. BORROWED FUNCTIONARY Selecting a comrade for unem-Angeles Section, we must agree ployed or anti-war work from a

that the strongest point in favor sub-section of 25 members is difof these organizational changes ficult because the more highly is the freeing of leading higher developed comrades are already developed comrades for mass assigned as sub-section function work, thus strengthening our fracaries. Sub-sections are confronted tions, building up our mass orgawith an impossibility of finding nizations and improving our decomrades for important mass partments of our inner Party apwork and often are unable to find comrades to function on sub-sec-While amalgamation of units

and building of units on a branch I cite the case of one sub-sec basis might well be carried out tion which for a period of six in certain territories, the scattermonths was forced to use a comed population centers and much rade from an adjoining sub-secopen territory in and about Los tion as dues secretary. This com-Angeles, makes this theory in rade was badly needed in his own the main impractical. However, sub-section. Possibly the most we must not east this thought logical and commonly accepted lightly aside and we can well afreason for having sub-section ford to experiment in closer-in divided as they are at present i communities and results should transportation, supposedly on the grounds that comrades cannot be nduced to travel far to inner meetings of sub-sections. Certain-In what form do we find our organizational structure in Los ly, 15 organizers would much pre Angeles Section? The Section has fer going two to three times as been divided, roughly into ap- far to interesting educational and proximately fifteen sub-sections. well conducted meetings where

The plan was carried into effect they will actually get guidance

at a time when our Party here for their local territory and meth

ADVANTAGES

ods of work in campaigns and

mass organizations.

was slashed off and a sub-section section of, say 200 comrades, can buro set up. Naturally, due to function on a much higher level mushroom growth, and the hur- Building other locals of mass orried manner in which the sub- ganizations would be much easier sections were established, the po- in a sub-section which already has itical level of most of these sub- existing locals, where sub-section sections is low. A great number buros could get a definite tie-up of them have not grown since the with activity and assign com day they were formed, a number rades to help in building new have gone backward. While it is locals. My proposal to correct this

in a healthy condition, there is amalgamation of sub-sections certain room to improve our or-This should be done as rapidly a possible with a good discussion on where divisions should be made In making divisions, the objective | HELP BUILD A CENTER FOR should be to draw into an al membership of less than 30, ready strong center, weaker out out of which a minimum of six lying sub-sections. The large num comrades are sub-section func- ber of functionaries released by ionaries who are involved a great this change will be a strong force leal of their time in inner Party added to our work in trade un ions, mass organizations and wil tionaries from a small number strengthen our local unit ac-

politically backward, we find these In making these organizations functionaries faced with a nearly changes we must avoid confusion mpossible task in making re- by retaining contact with ab- DANCE A VIRGINIA REEL; ports, leading discussions, giving sorbed sub-section units, by using cuidance to the sub-section mem- liquidated sub-section buros and pership. This weakness causes departmental heads as assistants ack of confidence of the mem- to elected functionaries on sub-

inability in meeting situations, As rapidly as possible, these stagnation, and is to a great de- sub-sections should set up ofgree a cause of our fluctuation, ficial headquarters, book shops We have capable leadership in acquire permits on halls for mass Los Angeles Section, though at meetings, etc. These organizationpresent most of it is being used at changes, plus the possibilities of amalgamating units in terri-Sub-section lines do make bar- tories where practical, should free riers for fraction work in unem- numbers of our leading comrade

Editorial Note: We have elimtivity are bound to have differ- inated from this article the prowriting you regarding the Alta ones from City Creek. He does ing called in a certain locality and organization of the sub-sections supported by 150 to 200 comrades and suggest that his plan be given will have a more enthusiastic re- to the Section Buro for action.

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THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.

#### and are docked for such minor the necessity for joining it in orthings as going to get a drink of der to set up rank and file consucceed the late Judge Wood. A are: Andrew J. Biemiller, editor linquent member papers owing trol and make it a militant union. motion to endorse him was passed of American Leader, Socialist large amounts be suspended from The A. F. of L. is established by the council. Eight dollars was the highest wage made in a week and the in Yuma among the shed worknext biggest check was a little ers and has already signed agree-

ments with one shed covering 90; aw him go in and observed him ome out an hour later. On Feb. 7 two members of the Shipyard aging editor and secretary-treas- ington, D. C. Workers' Union had appeared in Evrrell's court on charges of "a ault' and had their trial date

> At this hearing Defense Attoriev Gallagher asked the proseutor where the supposed assault ad taken place. "I don't know, replied the latter, and Tyrrell oriered the court cleared when the

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#### WHY ENDORSE This Guy For PROMOTION?

the Yuma Valley, told a worker | But these conditions are forcwho dared to question the num- ing the workers to organize. They Alameda County Central Labor their acceptance has been obtained ?ber of hours put in by the field are welcoming the efforts of the Council endorse a judge who "con- John McGivney, editor of Ta- urer; Harold Coy, eastern bureau American Federation of Labor to Intimidation and playing the organize the unorganized. Many local workers against transient of the Mexican workers who reworkers, white against Mexican member the old Cannery and nizing and to maintain the slavery Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Unegates when the Council met on body journal, was re-elected vice wages. Shed-workers are fre- ion (A. F. of L.) a fake union,

> but they were soon convinced of Police Judge Tyrrell is seeking appointment as superior judge to

> > set for March 10th. pectators burst into laughter.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

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#### he decided he would remove all enforcement of military discipline. the Negro boys from this camp Soviet Union

#### Composer Cadman Demos Hold Lead Refuses Bid to Berlin Olympics

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 13 -Charles Wakefield Cadman omposer, condenned America' participation in the Olympic Games in Germany in an oper letter to the "press." He stated that he felt "it is not to America" advantage to participate in the Games in Nazi Germany because of the attitude of Herr Hitler in regard to the persecution of radical and religious groups."

Mr. Cadman had been invited to serve on a committee assigned to select contributions for the 1936 Olympic's music festival.

#### In Registration At Los Angeles LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.-

Hopes of old-line Republicans again to dominate the registration in Los Angeles County seemed doomed to failure today with the Democratic Party holding a

In Los Angeles County terriory the registration was: Democrats, 201,359; Republicans, 150,-185. In the city territories Democrats numbered 176,514 and Republicans 164,884. Throughout the whole county,

43,547 voters declined to state their party affiliations.

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## Jobless Jottings

Some items from the month's news interspersed with extracts from Roosevelt's Inaugural Address of March, '33.

"A host of unemployed citizens face the grim problem of existence."

NEW YORK.—The total number of unemployed persons in the United States in November, 1935, was 17,029,000, according to the estimates of the Labor Research Association.

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

CLEVELAND, O.—100 WPA workers demonstrating against the discharge of one of their number for union activity, were forced back onto the job by police . . armed with pistols and a submachine gun.

"They have no vision and where there is no vision the people perish."

MADISON, Wis.-Police assaulted and beat in the face Eugene Fristo, chairman of committee of organized unem ployed calling at a Relief Station to demand aid for freezing, hungry families. Although Fristo, ly." is in a critical condition in the hospital . . . the relief grievances were promptly adjusted.

"We have still much to be thankful for."

The Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association experienced its best year in histor with an increase in deposits of \$177,000,000 and an increase in resources of \$135,000,000.

the official report of the Works WPA. Smoke writing on the sky Progress Administration, fifty per to save a doomed system. Look! cent of all children attending already the alphabetical combinaschool in the State of Georgia tions dissolve before the winds of . . . are undernourished.

"Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money."

project.

"This is preeminently the time IT, by KARL MARX?

LOS ANGELES .- Mary Weistein, age 17, a cripple from inattention and . . . starvation.

"Only a foolish optimist can deny the dark realities of the

pant of a dilapidated shack on plant struck and began picketing.

FOR by the Illinois Emergency

"This nation asks for action and action NOW."

GRAND FORKS, N. D.-Two hundred and fifty WPA workers gathered at the county cour house protesting against the low wage scale on the WPA.

The relief office has decided to ssue supplementary relief to families over five.

"We must act and act quick-

March, 1933, 17 million unemployed. Comes Roosevelt saying, 'Our great primary task is to put people to work." Then an alphabetical nightmare spewed from a galaxy of "brain trusters", starts marching into view: CWA, NRA IVA, AAA, CCC, HOLC, FHA The march of the hungry millions toward a "new day" slackens momentarily as they contemplate the New Deal's gigantic sky writ-DENVER, Colo.-According to ing. SERA, ERA, FERA, PWA. contradiction, CWA, NRA, AAA, and are blown away. Again the massed millions stir restlessly urged on by their hunger.

HELENA, Ark.—Two hundred February, 1936. Seventeen milrelief workers, many with their lion unemployed, men and women, feet wrapped in gunny-sacks to find Roosevelt saving to business keep out snow and cold, stormed leaders, "Bring me a plan to balthe court house demanding pay- ance production with consumpchecks for work on a Federal tion." Roosevelt, why don't you read VALUE, PRICE and PROF

## ECONOMIC POSITION OF NEGRO

\* \* \* AN APPRAISAL OF DAVIS' 5-CENT PAMPHLET

#### \* \* \* SURVEYS A RACIAL MINORITY

When John P. Davis wrote the allowed to work in any but the pamphlet, "LET US BUILD A lowest-bracket jobs. And today, NATIONAL NEGRO CON- in the economic crisis, even these GRESS," he accomplished much are being taken from them. The more than a mere exposition of Negro industrial worker has sufthe high points in Negro op- fered along with his field-hand pression in America. He poured brother. into the little volume much of the fire and passion that is his own Unprotected by unions, they as well as the feeling of a daily are forced to take wage cuts, increasing number of awakened speed-up, and the worst kind of Negroes in America who have sweat-shop treatment-when they suffered too long under an in- have been given any kind of job tolerable oppression. The panr at all. Most of the unions have phlet, thus, is interesting both as refused to allow Negroes to join a symbol and as a thesis.

above that of a slave. Technical- unions. ly enjoying the freedom and equal- A remarkable feature of the as though only one unit is active ference delegates to be turned italist class.

#### DEBT PEONAGE

the fields only to find at the end ing class struggle. of the year's toil that his total earnings were less than the amount l he had spent on food and clothing. These latter were furnished by the bosses-at the bosses' prices. Now thousands, millions of Negroes in the South cannot even get the poor boon of that slim existence.

Today, over half of the twelve million Negroes are denied the right to vote. They starve. And they cannot even voice their cry for food.

This discrimination is found everywhere. They never have been

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#### UNION QUESTION

them. The American Federation The position of the Negro in of Labor has adopted many ways America has never been much of preventing this in most of their \$650.

ity granted every citizen by the craft union set-up is its ability to on the waterfront and that unit in Friday night. It has been re-Constitution, he is, actually, the be blind with both eyes open. For is No. 1, which has raised the ported that a large sum of money viction of the most brutal exploi- the result of the discrimination major portion of the \$304.87 and has already been aised but not tation in the hands of the cap- against Negro membership in the is still going like wild fire. The yet turned in. Sub-sections and of a black cheap-labor pool of the winner. great benefit to the capitalists And today, with capitalism tot- when strike-breakers are needed tering on its shaking throne, he or when coolie wages could be finds himself in a position worse forced into an industry. This is even than were the "good times" one of the great reasons why a of yesterday when he was forced united front among the Negroes to labor from dawn till dusk in will be of importance in the work-

#### UNITED FRONT

An outline of a pamphlet cannot touch on all or nearly all the sore spots in this rotten set-up. If it did it would have to include every Negro in America. For this s a problem which must be attacked by a united front of all the organizations interested in its

And it will be. The scales are too far out of balance. There are too many Negroes with bitter memories of friends and relatives who lie dead: the victims of this economic oppression. And, as Frederick Douglass, bu whose birthday the National Negro Congress is being held, said: "What man can look upon this state of things without resolving to cast his influence with the elements which are to come down in tenfold thunder and dash this state of things to atoms?"

# The Struggle to Save the San Pedro Healthand the Class Struggle Cannery Union

(Continued from last issue)

fantile paralysis for the past eight to threaten and intimidate our an effort to drive him out in the years, died from lack of medical members who continued wearing open" and declared that he did ers demanded action. At the meet- open to fight" and did not intend ing on Tuesday, Dec. 17, they to do so. elected a committee to represent them to the management and de-Peoria, Ill.—A post-mortem ex- mand that the agreement be reamination in the St. Francis Hos- affirmed. The next morning the pital revealed the fact that Mrs. committee met the management, for the last time with the man-Blanche Robertson, age 50, came who refused them their demands agement and were not able to to her death by starvation and and fired them. At noon 200 of exposure. Mrs. Robertson, occu- the 250 or more working in the ination against strikers.

- street, was BEING CARED We approached the other canners. They refused to support loast, at least openly, and signed tatements affirming the agree-

The strikers and their commit-

ee having had no experience in organizing picketing, relief, or publicity; most of the work fell on one or two comrades, who were mable to give the strike all of their attention.

Scabs were brought into the plant and were given A. F. of I working cards, although no new charter was obtained until the econd week of the strike. Conusion was bred in the minds of he fishermen, who were suporting us, by the boat owners, as being worked by people with mion cards. They told the fishernen that it was not a fight beween the cannery owners and the annery workers for wages, hours or working conditions; but a fight setween two unions for recogniion. The Central Labor Counil aided the cannery owners and he boat owners by telling the shermen, who belonged to an harter from the I.S.U., that they hould go back to work, that by ontinuing to support the tsrike ack to work.

Meanwhile, the Party had fail- board. I to organize sufficient relief.

#### FAKERS DETERMINED

been issued.

Foremen and foreladies began | Buzzell said he reognized it as union buttons. The Coast Work- not have to "come out in the

> The strike was broken. The warehouse crew broke first and went back. The others followed, after the committee met get a guarantee of no discrim

only ones who stuck by their guns to a finish. Forty-two of them signed a pledge never to go back into the cannery unless those of their number who had been discriminated against were about 10 of them) were rehired. They sought jobs in other places.

The Filipino cutters were the

Meanwhile, the campaign against our union continued. Militants in two other plants had been discharged. Although many them and strike, we decided bing tactics of the A. F. of L meeting after the attempt to treat who pointed out that the plant with Buzzell, the union voted to dissolve and to urge all former members to enter the new union and fight for democracy, rank and file control, and politics which jority of the membership.

#### PACKED MEETING

However, at the time when there was to be an election of officers for the new union, the strikebreakers from the Coast idependent union trying to get a Plant had packed the meeting, at the insistence of the manage ment; and control of the union, under the gentle influence of the ney were fighting the A. F. of L. Central Labor Council, went to After one week the fishemen went the strikebreakers, who constitute the officers and the executive

Since then, the militants have been so discouraged and apathetic Seeing the destructive intent that it has been impossible to the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, get enough of them to a meeting was decided that the business to outvote the finks. The cangent should offer to resign, nery owners, meanwhile, have ance from the section amounted our concentration work, orientatwas issued to Buzzell on De- of different provisions of the un- ing to militant, non-political in- Sub-section and the two most desember 30, and was circulated in ion agreement have begun to ap- fluence from the cannery work- cisive unions in Southern Califor-3000 copies. The Executive Board pear. The militant supporters of ers, did not hold to a clear line nia—the International Longshore- not put out inferior goods once sick Mrs. Mabel Eaton, describof our local offered to meet with unionism have been silenced by for retention of the charter, but men's Association and the Oil they had gone to the expense of ed by her neighbors as a "quiet, Buzzell and talk over the condi- the fear of losing their jobs and yielded to the idea of an inde- Workers' Union. Had the I.L.A. wide advertising. tions of amalgamating our organi- discouraged and demoralized by pendent union, amalgamation with backed the cannery workers, Buzcation with the little group to the treachery of the A. F. of L. the fishermen, etc. These appear- zell would have been defeated bewhich a new charter had finally l'leaders" in the Coast strike.

#### HOW A LABOR COUNCIL OFFICIAL BROKE A STRIKE AND WHAT THE REDS DID ABOUT IT

THREE COURSES OPEN

WESTERN WORKER

When the instruction was re- ent membership cards, etc. ceived from Buzzell, we had three possible courses: 1) Accept his destructive intentions of the redictum of allowing the Commu- actionaries. The cannery workers help who trim the outside leaves nist leaders to be expelled, with were caught between two fires: off are always being bothered insist on being treated by his only a formal protest from the the union-smashing, agreement-re- with this so-called lettuce poisonunion. 2) Follow the urge of pudiating attack of the cannery ing. some of the militants and apply owners; and the scab-herding, for amalgamation with the fisher- strikebreaking treachery of the

retain our elected leadership. course reaction would have held of the workers in organization. district, as well as in Los Angeles. a strong loyalty to unionism—we A red-hunt would have begun to should not have continued the sweep away every shred of oppol uncompromising fight to the point sition to the reactionary policies where the charter was taken of the Buzzell machine. There- After we had shown our strength for their militant activity (there fore, it was correct not to con- in two different votes on the ques sider this policy of submission. tion, we should have made a re-

#### ISOLATION

course, the fishing industry would lions for the democratic rights of have been isolated from the rest the cannery workers. Our fracof organized labor in the harof the workers wanted to support bor district. Thus the progres- a large influence on the policies of sive influence which the mili- the union. The organization would against it, fearing the back-stab- tants in the fishing industry may have remained intact, and the have on the rest of organized morale of the workers would not fakers. Therefore, at the next labor would have been lost. The have suffered. The "Coast" milworking class front would have itants possibly would still be shown one more weakness be- working. The union would now fore the oncoming onslaught of have militant leadership instead

s to unite all the forces of labor. and company stooges. We correctly chose the third yould be of benefit to the ma- path and put up a stiff fight against the reactionaries, for the defense of democracy in the trade unions. However, certain weaknesses and mistakes in carrying out this policy impaired its effectiveness.

> In the first place, we were slow to mobilize the progressive forces against the expulsion. It was over a month from the date Buzzell first appeared before the cannery workers until opposition to him was begun in the Los Angeles Council. We were unable to force any kind of a fight in the San Pedro-Wilmington

#### THE SECTION

Secondly, the political guided in the form of changes in the fore he began.

Misson .....\$ 350 \$160.15

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Fillmore ...... 600

Waterfront ..... 650

North Beach ..... 150

Downtown ...... 350

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Misc. San Francisco 300

TOTALS .....\$2500

constitution, lowering of dues

nen. 3) Put up a stiff fight to fakers. Had we correctly estimated the weaknesses of the un-Had we followed the first ion—its newness, the inexperience indisputed sway in the Harbor the lack of a union tradition and treat, in order to save the charter at the same time intensifying the Had we followed the second fight on the outside in other untion would have still maintained capitalist reaction. Our main task of a leadership of strikebreakers

#### PRESENT TASKS

Our present tasks are: 1. Politf the present fraction. 2. The building of a strong rank and file he canneries, to act as a core in he reorganization of the union, was injured. He usually must fight muscles. Intensification of a renewed rive to organize the canneries nd win back the losses.

Immediately the Section Buro just strengthen its contacts with ractions in decisive unions. The ack of a strong organizational contact between the cannery un- JUST AS GOOD on fraction and the Section leadership is the main organizational at consumer's research for an vide for her infant child, the 27takes made in the situation.

Above all, we must intensify goods.

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296.82 49

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\$ 175.73

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

POISON IN THE LETTUCE to get it. Yuma, Arizona.

Dear Comrade Bissell: For the past few years the workers in the lettuce industry lawyer who will handle the case Now let us examine our policy. printing of temporary independ- here suffered with what the bosses and quacks- call "lettuce poison-Thirdly, we underestimated the ing." The workers in the fields cutting the lettuce and the shed pay all medical bills for the in-

> They (the growers-F.B.) use arsenic spray and paris green, and several workers have had this in their eves. Eyes felt like there is a foreign body in them until the next morning, when they are swollen and inflamed. One worker has this in his only one good eve, and possibly will lose his

I have been under a doctor's care for a week and my eyes are not perfect yet. Would like to know if there isn't any compen sation law for such cases?

This will be a good article for the Health Column, as in various other industries, such as apples we get white lead poisoning, etc. Would like to see something exposing these phoney compensation boards, and wise the workers up as to what procedure to take when hurt while working. Comradely yours,

COMPENSATION LAWS ANSWER:-We are not fa-

miliar with the compensation-laws of the nerves and a general musin Arizona, although we believe cular weakness. received on the job on which he joints, and paralysis of groups of

If there is a large sum involved it is best to engage a lawver, as it is usually possible to find a for a fee, to be paid after it is settled. The employer or his insurance company is supposed to jured worker. The worker should own doctor, whom he can trust. He is entitled to this, although the company always tries to have

their doctor handle the case. The

eason is easy to see. Most of

the insurance doctors are experts

at lying and assist in every way

possible to cheat the worker out

of his compensation. It would be of great service to their members if unions would rave someone in their offices who could advise members on the ins and outs of getting compensation. If a union man is being unjustly treated by the compensation board, t is often useful for the union to send a committee to the hearing.

POISONING SYMPTOMS Workers in fruits or vegetables which have been treated with arsenic or lead must keep in mind that they can get a general poisoning from these substances, as well as the eve affliction described by B. L. The chief symptom of chronic arsenic poisoning is a polyneuritis. This is an inflammation of many nerves in

that they are similar to those in The usual symptoms of a cal education and enlargement California. In this State, a work- chronic lead poisoning are a meer is supposed to receive the dif- tallie taste in the mouth, colicy ference between what his job pays pains in the abdomen together group of the natural leaders in him after his injury and waat he with constipation, pains in the

the body and is shown by pains

and tenderness along the course

### WE WOMEN WORKERS

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

lyhoo, there is also a widespread istic and communistic" ideas! feeling that big concerns would In Bloomingfield N. J., heart-

The fact is, however, that the her children after Judge Robert buyer usually gets less for her M. Grossman had awarded their money from these concerns. She custody to her husband, from pays for the advertising, for the whom she has been separated for expense of national distribution, several months. Using a copy of and the company expects to, and Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto does, sell the product, not on its and an I. W. W. songbook as a merits, but on its salesmanship.

tried some less glorified brands the separation decree on the and found them usually as good, grounds that she was teaching the often better and much cheaper. children atheistic and radical doc-The campaign against "just as trines. Mrs. Eaton is a member good" is just another clever trick of no radical party or group, eviof the powerful big concerns to dence disclosed. squelch their smaller rivals.

POVERTY AND MURDER

tric chair at Sing Sing the week | basis.

of March 16. Separated from her I spoke to a woman who works husband, lacking in food to proweakness contributing to the mis- eastern bureau about the relative year-old mother drowned her baby merit of nationally advertised last fall "so he wouldn't starve to death."

She said that, besides the im- AN "AMERICAN" FATHER

through the machinations of the been making hay while the sun to nothing in the first weeks of mg the whole party to overcom- pulse toward nationally advertised. Separation from her children Buzzell machine. An open letter shines. Speed-up and violations the crisis, and the fraction, yield- ing our weaknesses in Harbor products engendered by the bal- because she taught them "athe-

> refined woman," bid goodbye to substantial part of his evidence, Following her suggestion, I her husband succeeded in getting

Legal students declare the ruling oversteps constitutional pro-Death in the electric chair for visions for the separation of state murder of her starving 2-year-old and church and freedom of political belief. The American Civil "I must do my duty as I see Liberties Union, through Director it," pompously decreed County Roger N. Baldwin, has asked a Judge Jonathan Wilson of New- Newark lawyer to offer his serburgh, N. Y., as he sentenced vices. The case is the first on voung Mrs. Dorothy Sherwood, record, Baldwin believes, in which onetime actress and Salvation custody of children had been de-Army lassie, to die in the elec- cided on a political and religious

### Damage Claim Won TALKS - DRAMA Arrest in C.S. Case

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 4. T. A. Wishon, head of the local red squad, and other members of the police department, have been forced to settle a damage claim filed by Paul Cochran for false arrest on "suspicion of criminal syndicalism."

On January 23, Superior Court, Dept. A, approved the petition for compromise of the claim whereby certain of the defendants pay Cochran \$100 each, and whereby written instruction was issued to City Manager Randall M. Dorton, police chief, and police of ficers, requiring them to follow penal code provisions with erence to making arrests without warrants and with reference to bringing prisoners immediately Eugene O'Neill to Clifford Odets before nearest magistrate.

ran was arrested on Nov. 25, Ape" and "Desire Under the 1934, and held in jail for approximately 46 hours without any taken before a magistrate

### By Victim of False PLANNED AT 68 HAIGHT STREET

BEN LEGERE TO LECTURE ON MODERN PLAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.— Prof. Elmo A. Robinson of San Jose State Teachers' College will be a speaker at the Democratic Open Forum Sunday night, Feb. 23, at 68. Haight street here.

The Sunday forums are a regular weekly event and are becoming increasingly popular.

On Friday evening, Feb. 21, at-8 p. m., at 68 Haight street, the first of a series of talks on the 'Growth of American Social Drama" will be given by Ben Legere, actor, dramatist and critic. The series will comprise ten talks. Legere will cover the field from and will give readings of impor-The petition stated that Cach- tant plays such as "The Hairy

Elms." Tickets for the series of ten legal proceedings being instituted lectures will sell at \$2 and may against him, and without being be ordered by telephoning Hem-

## MISSION LEADS S. F. SUB-SECTIONS IN SUSTAINING FUND DRIVE

Sub-Section

#### FILLMORE AHEAD OF WATERFRONT -\$1,418.87 YET TO GO ON CITY'S QUOTA OF \$2500

In the competition between every Friday evening at 7 p. m quota of \$600 and Waterfront on Sunday, March 1st, from noon

unions has been the formation losing section will give a feed to units cannot be given credit for

illmore and Waterfront sub-sec- All units must have representatives ons of San Francisco, Fillmore at this conference, which at prestook the lead by 4 points. Fill- ent is active arranging the Westmore has raised \$296.82 on its crn Worker Jamboree to be held has raised \$304.87 on its quota of to midnight, at 121 Haight Street.

All funds collected by individ-From all indications it looks vals must be given to the conthis money unless it is turned in promptly to the Drive Commit-The press conference meets tee at 121 Haight Street.

#### President and Missus Invited To an Eviction

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.-President and Mrs. Roosevelt yesterday were recipients of handsomely engraved invitations to atend-an evic-

The mortgage of the James

P. Gilleeny home was to be

foreclosed today. Gilleeny is

married and has three chil-

dren. The invitation read: Mr. and Mrs. Pames P. Gilleeny and family, Margaret, Mary, Joan, and James, of 45-18 Middleburg ave., Sunnyside Gardens, L. I., invite you to attend and to take part on the occasion of their eviction from their home, Sheriff William N. Brunner officiating for the governor, Thomas I. Parkinson officiating for the Equitable Life Assurance So-

ciety of the United States of

America."

#### 4 Killed, 15 Shot When Venezuelans Defend Newspaper

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 1. upon demonstrators from the balcony of the government palace to blame present discontent upon 'Moscow agitation," but this demonstration came upon the heels of a ne censorship decree which resulted in the suspension of many newspapers.

The masses also are angry because the government, nothwith-

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials suoport such work.

- The same of the

-When government troops fired here this week four were killed and 15 others seriously wounded. South American states are prone

standing the fact that the recent dictatorship is presumably over, has failed to restore constitutional guarantees.



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#### Mass Pressure and the Parole Board

A malicious rumor is being circulated that letters are being sent to the California Parole Roard threatening reprisals if that body does not decide on a minimum sentence for the Criminal Syndicalist victims.

The San Francisco Industrial Association and other reactionary influences are continually issuing propaganda interpreting campaigns of letters and telegrams as attempts at intimidation. Likewise the practice of calling for mass attendance at trials and public hearing is declared to be an effort to intimidate judges and juries.

Having clamped a monopoly on all means of public expression, the press, the radio and the larger public halls, the capitalist powers have effectively blocked almost every medium through which genuine public opinion could speak. Hearst is given a free hand to masquerade as the voice of America.

Meanwhile, not content with their hog's share of publicity, they want to throttle what few hannels of expression still remain open to man in the street.

For their own part, these capitalists resort to every conceivable means of working their will through courts and government. They not only carry on campaigns of mass pressure identical to the ones which they now decry as "intimidation," but resort to bribery, hired lobbies and gross forms of corruption.

It will be remembered that during the Criminal Syndicalism trial itself, wealthy financiers flooded the office of the attorney general with letters, telegrams, and delegations demanding that he appoint Neil R. McAllister special prosecutor.

. It will be remembered that more recently. wealthy agriculturists exerted pressure on the State Bar Association demanding that attorneys be forbidden to defend Communists in the courts. And vet, when the working class resorts to this same means of expressing its opinion, the ruling class shouts "intimidation!"

The Communist Party and many other working class organizations frequently urge campaigns of telegrams and letters from individuals and graups. At the present time, a united front of more than one bundred California, organizations is con-

ducting a campaign of mass pressure demanding that the parole board fix a minimum sentence for the eight innocent Criminal Syndicalism prisoners. These letters are the strictly legal means

by which the public of California addresses the offices of government which are supposed to serve their interests. Certainly the imprisonment in the state penitentiaries of eight young people for organizing a union is a disgrace of sufficient magnitude to merit a letter from every decent minded person in California.

If among those letters some are found which threaten violence if justice is not done, these are the work either of irresponsible cranks or deliberate provocateurs seeking to discredit the cam-

Neither the Communist Party nor any other affiliate member of the united front to repeal the C. S. Law and free the prisoners either resorts to violence or threatens it.

The capitalist accusers, however, are governed by no such ethics. They beat, tar and feather and kill in their efforts to smash unions. During the Criminal Syndicalism trial, Prosecutor Mc-Allister in his harangue to the jury OPENLY THREATENED THAT IF THEY FAILED TO CONVICT THE PRISONERS "VIGI-LANTES WILL DO THE WORK." Employ ers are constantly informing authorities that if the police and courts are not exerted against labor, they will take matters into their own hands and enforce their will by vigilantism.

It is part of the purpose of the California capitalists in raising this cry of "intimidation" to frighten the public and stem the tide of protest

It is not only your right, but your duty to address the members of the Parole Board urging iustice for the C. S. prisoners.

The names of the board are: Frank Sykes, Joseph Stephens, and David Bush. They may be addressed at the office of the Parole Board,

Ferry Building, San Francisco. The board has announced that the C. S. defendants cases will not be considered until late in April or early in May. This gives us over two

months to continue the campaign of letters.

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#### An Employers' Tool Turns Polite Racketeer

It's strange how murder will out. The San Francisco Industrial Association and the Chamber of Commerce have many skeletons in the closet. Once in a while the bones rattle and the general public is let in on a nice bit of revealing information. That's what happened last week.

John (Black Jack) Jerome has been exposed as a racketeer in real estate in this city. The government is investigating Black Jack's recent activities in view of preferring charges against him of perjury and conspiracy to use the mails to defraud.

Back in 1926 the San Francisco carpenters went out on strike for the closed shop. Black lack lerome was imported by employers as chief strike-breaker; he fed the scabs, housed them and put them to work. He was given a "job" as contractor and put in charge of construction of a downtown building. This building became the spearhead in the open shop attack. Black Jack's gun-thugs and police mingled with touching intimacy and it became impossible for the average citizen to approach within a city block of the

The strike was broken. But not until one man, a carpenter, had been murdered, and two rank and file workers had been railroaded to San Quentin by the employers. The Industrial Association had accomplished its purpose. The open shop was given a new lease on life.

The details of Black Jack Jerome's present activities are unimportant. But his exposure as a racketeer brings clearly to light the type of person and the tactics the employers use in keeping the unions down, along with wages and living and working conditions.

The next time the Industrial Association, the Chamber of Commerce or the Waterfront Employers' Association come out with a barrage of lies and invectives against the waterfront workers or other trade unionists, it will be well to remember John (Black Jack) Jerome:

#### Indifferent Public Health Institutions Deal Death To Stricken Workers

Mary Tontarelli, a San Francisco high school girl, is dead because she did not have medical attention in time. Her parents are accusing a school nurse of causing her death by not sending her home when she complained of a pain in her side. The nurse, an insignificant cog in the public health machine, may or may not have been at fault in failing to recognize the seriousness of Mary's symptoms and acting accordingly.

But denoting the nurse is as silly as shooting at a mouse while your house is being stolen. The girl arrived at her home at 4 p. m. ill. Her parents called a doctor who did not arrive until 10 p. m. The physician recognized that she was gravely ill with appendicitis and recommended immediate removal to a hospital.

But, "THE FAMILY BEING WITHOUT FUNDS," it was agreed that she should remain at home that night. It was not until 11 a. m. the next morning that the doctor again saw her, when she was immediately sent to the San Francisco Hospital. The surgeon who operated declared her appendix had burst from eight to ten hours before she reached the hospital. She died 27 days later, despite frantic attempts to save her,

Her appendix burst between the time a physician first saw her, and decided to wait overnight, because her family was poor,-and the next day when he sent her to the county

Blurtly, here is the issue: why do publicly owned hospitals and county operated medical services consistently postpone and delay hospitalization of sick persons without funds? Why do the DOCTORS ALWAYS DELAY-until the last moment-the hospitalization of workers and their families who are unable to pay and have to be cared for in county institutions?

This is an issue which should be taken up and fought out determinedly by every jobless organization in the state.

The death of this 17-year-old girl is no isolated instance. In Berkeley, in 1933, a frantic mother called the Berkeley clinic and begged for immediate medical aid for her children. The stupid burecrats, misunderstanding her broken English, gave her an appointment for the following day to see a doctor. Her children died in convulsions within an hour! Again, in Oakland, in 1934, a jobless worker called for a doctor for his father. He spent a week calling for a county doctor, was thrown bodily out of the county hospital. The doctor arrived a few hours after the old man had died! Such examples can be cited by the hundreds.

Since then it has been adequately "nemonstrated in the East Bay that organized action can get a prompt reply to the cry for medical nelp. Doctors who add to their code of ethics the footnote that they will get their patients into the county hospital REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICIANS' SQUAWKS, can do so, by writing for the patient a letter stating that he needs such care, and sending him to the Alameda County Federation of Unemployed and Allied organizations.

That union will do the rest. The hospital director has never been known to bar a patient bearing such a letter and with a determined grievance committee from this union to back him up.

Alameda County is the only county in the State of California which has seen the Federal and Dental Relief Project in operation as Federal regulations provided. It was instituted solely because the jobless union found out such regulations existed and conducted a relentless and wellorganized campaign of mass pressure. It took them a year,-but they got it.

It is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period-to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

# DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL

DEPARTMENT

#### San Fernando Plans Work to Promote Party Growth

The following is an excerpt from the plan of work, ending March 14th, of the San Fernando Sub-Section, Los Angeles Sec-

#### RECRUITING

Mass activity in connection with our various campaigns will grow and develop only insofar as the Party grows and develops. The recruiting of the best and most active workers into the Party must therefore receive the constant attention of:

1. Fractions, who must continually select the more classconscious workers of their mass erganization.

2. Individual comrades, who must build a group of personal friends, whose class-consciousness they will develop by sale of literature and personal contact.

3. The units, who must help ndividuals and fractions by holding open unit meetings, selling literature, checking, etc.

4. The subsection committee which must maintain a constant and thorough checkup on recruit-

ing activity. Because not only the education and development of our Party members but also the education and development of the great masses of workers in our territory depends most directly on the activity of our Agit-Prop Department, the following tasks must be fulfilled by this depart-

L. Establish classes in (a) Prinriples-for newer members; (b) An advanced class, for older mem-

2. Coordinate the literature sales and educational work so that litrature becomes a more useful aid in our work.

. Encourage and develop the use of leaflets. (a) by the units as a means of public discussion of ocal problems; (b) by the subsection, as a means of presenting the Party position in the broader campaigns.

4. Develop and improve the unit educationals so that they become useful factor in the growth of the political knowledge of our comrades, by (a) All members nsisting that unit discussions have first place on the unit agenda; (b) criticisms and suggestions to be sent in to the Agit Prop Dept

San Fernando Sub-Section

Note: Because of limited space this Plan of Work was not printed in full. However, the suggestions in it, especially in regard to the recruiting drive and holding our membership by means of proper education, could well be applied in other sub-sections to their activity, as well as units Dist. Org. Dept.

#### OREGON VOTERS DOWN SALES TAX IN UNITED POLL

PROGRESSIVES UNITE TO BEAT REACTIONARIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.-A united front of progressives defeated three reactionary measures in the recent state elections, including the Jan. 31 election tax proposal.

This marked the third and most decisive defeat the proposed sales tax has sustained and was an emphatic political setback to Governor Chas. H. Martin, who had energetically campaigned for the

The compulsory student bill fee which would have imposed additional fees on students in state nstitutions was thoroughly licked. The attempt to bar independent and minority candidates from state elections, through the primary election change proposal, was a'so snowed under by a huge vote.

The victories for the progressives was significant because of the united front between the Oregon State Federation of Labor, the Oregon State Grange and many progressive individuals, who waged an energetic campaign against the reactionary measures.

#### WOULD SHOOT JOBLESS TOPEKA, Kans. - (FP) - If

hungry jobless Kansans raid grocery stores in search of food the "balance-the-budget" policies.

A Worker Can't Lose On This Investment



## Only a Farmer-Labor Party Can Defeat Reactionaries

By Earl Browder -

General Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.

nd clearly.

#### REACTIONARY MENACE

The Republican-Liberty League fearst combination is the chie hreat to American liberties. Th rain political problem of the day or workers, farmers, and th uffering city middle classes, i ow to combat and defeat thi calition of the most reactionary orces in America.

When labor leaders such a Jutcheson and Matthew Wol ry to lead the workers to the liberty League, it shows that hey have enlisted under the black ag of Wall street piracy. They re open traitors to the mos lementary interests of the work rs. They are paving the way for scism in America.

But those who rally around cosevelt claim to be fighting ef ectively against the grave danger i political reaction. Will support of Roosevelt answer the burning economic needs of the people. Will support of Roosevelt guarantee that the offensive of the bankers and industrialists against the living standards of the workers will be defeated? If they face hemselves with high-sounding hrases, they cannot give an afirmative answer.

Roosevelt is no barrier to social and political reaction. On very political and economic isalled him.

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25,000 jobless have been cut off to risk a verbal attack, let alone to move as far to the right as lusioned masses may fall into Party with rapid and decisive relief as part of the governor's take any action against a court he thought expedient.

hat only support to Roosevelt to fight if given a lead and a party represents. Roosevelt necescan prevent the election of a program aimed against the mono- sarily bases himself upon his Republican-Liberty League-Hearst polies. And if Roosevelt is re-party, and works within the limi-Farmer-Labor Party this year assured that he would soon for- Party has its chief base in the the expense of the toilers.

'greedy autocrats" and hits out approximation to fascism yet seen lose to eliminate any of the deagainst the Liberty Leaguers. But in America outside the South: In irable and valuable features of the Liberty League is composed of Indiana Democratic administ home life. It does offer the househe biggest bankers, the big tration has militia mobilized for wife the opportunity to study or utility magnates, the packing permanent strikebreaking duty, engage in work of her own choosbarons, the steel kings. The Liber- In New York the Democratic ing. On the question of divorce, y Leaguers in steel don't let Party is represented by the most Communism does not believe that workers from joining unions, from striking for better conditions

#### DEMOCRATS' ROLE

What role does the Democratic 'arty play in these struggles: It controls Pennsylvania, Ohio Illinois, Indiana—and in all of these states the militia and police are at the beck and call of the Liberty Leaguers. They shoot lown men on picket lines; break up relief demonstrations; deport militant foreign born workers With his tongue Roosevelt lashes at the Liberty Leaguers. But they formerly lived. every day his administration and his party yield and submit to the eality and refuse to content Liberty League bosses, and protect their vested interests no matter what the cost in human suffering, and no matter what the

#### wreckage of civil liberties.

LEWIS' BLANK CHECK own relief when they protested. don't they at least try putting His Social Security program has some pressure on the administraroven to be a fraud. He arranged tion? Why don't they ask where he auto truce of 1934 which de- he stands on unemployment invered the workers over to Gen- surance on restricting the powral Motors and Chrysler. The ers of the Supreme Court, on a N. R. A. did not prevent, but shorter working week without rather accelerated the growth of reduction in pay, on equal rights company unions. Under Roosevelt for Negroes, on all the issues the vigilantes and lynch gangs which the militant trade unionists have murdered Negroes and are putting forward? They could workers with impunity The Scotts- try to force him to make some boro scandal, whose stench has concessions, but the blank check promises, were shown no other munism is the scheme of a group aroused the protest of the entire policy plays into the hands of the world, has never received one Liberty League. Knowing that appeal for patience, for waiting, things as bribes for political supword of comment from the great he will be supported by Lewis is already worn out. And above port. humanitarian", as John L. Lewis and Green, Roosevelt will con- all, it will be because there is Communism means that the Roosevelt is going to put more workers won better conditions un- ment against reaction that will their own benefit. It means that taxes on the overburdened backs der the Roosevelt administration rally them to the left instead of the working class is in full comstate militia will be called out if of the masses. He vetoed the only when they fought and de to the right. Such a party will mand and full control. It is hardly necessary, Gov. Landon, Hearst bonus. And when the Su- feated the attempts of the Presi- carry out an effective fight for likely under such circumstances backed presidential nomination preme Court issued an edict dent to surrender to the reac- their interests. In the mood that that they would set about trying seeker, told a delegation of rep- forbidding any kind of social tionaries. When they became the anything is better than the pres- to make themselves miserable. resentatives of the unemployed legislation, to the delight of the tail to the Roosevelt kite then ent, the demand for something from all over the state. About reactionaries, he did not even dare it was more convenient for him different at any cost, the disil- moving toward a Farmer-Labor

he workers exercise their ele- corrupt and worst grafting mach- any woman should be tied by law mentary rights of organization, ine in the country. In New Jersey to any man against her will, With private police and machine the Democratic leader is the For the employer, we are said guns they forcibly prevent the notorious boss, Erank Hague to offer "Extinction." This is well-known for his union busting true. Not, however, extinction by It is generally agreed that the result of the 1936 - elections is doubtful. By contrast with 1932 workers. Workers will be their when Roosevelt had a walkaway, and even with 1934, when his supporters cleaned up the Congressional elections, this year the

## DEMAGOGY

race will be nip and tuck. Mass-

velt. Their conditions are be-

es are turning away from Roose-

coming more desperate. They

pretense of social security on the society to pure Communism. William Green, Mr. Lewis and grounds that it interferes with For the farmer, "Collective tue he has made major conces- other labor leaders are giving a their profits, they attempt to ex- Farms." This is true, but needs ions to the reactionaries. He cut blank check to Roosevelt. Why ploit Dr. Townsend's movement qualification. There is no reason for old-age pensions, which they why a small farmer should slave fights the trade union movement leisure and a better life. sive in the country.

and everything that is progres- For the ultimate consumer, "No Republican, it will be because the Morgans and DuPonts. tinue his policy of making con- no effective FARMER-LABOR working people-all the peoplecessions to the reactionaries. The PARTY, a people's front move- own and operate the earth for the trap of the Liberty League. steps. which legalized "the greatest! It is not necessary to make any This can be prevented only by

# Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

The United Progressive News, a tabloid paper published in Los Angeles, printed in its February 3rd issue a chart purporting to designate what each of the modern political movements offers to the populace. Twelve different ocial plans were listed, including Communism. Ten representative categories of the population were listed as column heads and under them a few words to indicate what ach movement offered to each ype of person.

The answers for the most part were distorted and designed to persuade the reader in the direcion of the editor's favorite con-

For the aged, Communism was listed as offering "Farned Leisure." For the unemployed, "Work." We have no quarrel with those declarations; although Communist principles go much farther than such terse, unqualied propositions.

For the employed, Communism said to offer "Regimentation." his is a vague and prejudicial yord which suggests the snap of a thip over the backs of slaves. communism certainly proposes to coordinate the energies of all types of labor for the maximum, beneit of the whole society. But it. loes not advocate the "goosestepping" of humanity to fit the cold demands of a clockwork

For the small home owner,

Communism is credited with offering "Extinction." This is exactly contrary to the truth. Com-The movement for a Farmer- steal in American History." estimate of Roosevelt's personal- lumism proposes to make the life Labor Party in 1936 is growing. It is impossible to rally a fight-lity to substantiate this conclusif the small home owner prac-At the same time, it is confronted ing army of oppressed masses sion. His role is determined, not lical and free from worry for the with difficult issues. The higher around such a figure, even though by his personality, but by his irst time. One of its strongest leaders of the trade unions say the masses are willing and eager party, and by the class that his deals is to make it possible for ne working man to own his home. For the housewife, we are al-'eged to offer "Coupon Divorces." andidate, and that therefore a elected, then everybody may rest tations set by it. The Democratic The maliciousness of this answer s obvious. Communism proposes would be a mistake. This ques- get his attacks against the "auto- Solid South, the firmest strong- to liberate the housewife from tion must be answered sharply crats," and go in for another hold of reaction in America. In in existence of isolated drudgery, four year "truce" with them at other parts of the country, his It would enable her to live a comparty is reactionary in its pivotal plete life, to take her place side How does the thing work out? centers. In Illinois, The Demo- by side with her husband in so-Roosevelt thunders against the crats have achieved the closest liety. Communism does not pro-

> nassacre, as some would like to imply. The employers will have to take their place in society asown employers, collectively owning the means of production and operating and developing them for

their own collective good. For the large property owners, 'Confiscation." This also is true. The vast industrial properties will be converted into public properhave lost even the hopes on which hes, operated, not for one man's profit, but to supply society with lits needs.

For the banker, "Extinction." The Liberty League and Re- Fair enough. This doesn't mean publicans are cleverly maneuver- you will have to keep your moning this mass discontent into re- ey in an old sock. The state will actionary channels. They are take over the banking institushameless in their demagogy, tions for so long as they are nec-Although they attack Roosevelt's essary during the transition of

will be the first to scuttle. Father sixteen hours a day on a little Coughlin is using this same tactic. Fatch of land when modern agri-At the moment when he ostensibly cultural machinery applied in colattacks the Liberty League, he lective fashion can afford him

Work, No Eat." This is quite all If Roosevelt is defeated by a right. Its main application is to

these suffering millions, disillu- Lastly, this ambiguous chart sioned with the failure of his creates the impression that Comway to go. It will be because the of men who are offering these

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